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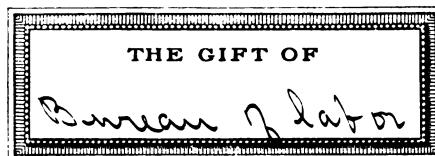
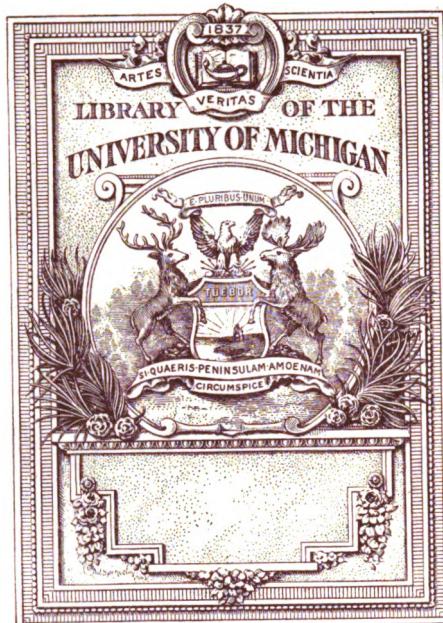
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## PREFATORY NOTE.

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For a long time the Labor Bureau has been in receipt of numerous inquiries from homeseekers as to where they might locate to best advantage in Missouri, and as to just what portion of the State is best adapted for the particular industry or line of agriculture which they desire to pursue.

Hitherto, no department of the State Government has been able to supply this information; the report herewith given is a condensation, a synopsis of reports received by the Bureau from Missouri's 114 counties. With a view to placing the Bureau in position to at least partially answer the inquiries of intending settlers in our State, I solicited reports concerning local conditions from a number of well-informed citizens in each county. In some cases the market prices of products quoted in the different counties seem high, but on further inquiry the Bureau was informed that in the particular instances the quoted prices, though high, were correct as in those instances special circumstances had conspired to make the special prices. It is believed, therefore, that the following showing concerning conditions in Missouri's 114 counties is substantially complete and correct.

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## GRAND OLD MISSOURI.

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This is not a mere figure of speech; Missouri is grand—grand in resources, grand in size, grand in its intelligent, progressive, law abiding population. The old saw, "A Jack of all trades excels in none" does not apply to Missouri. Missouri's men of brain and brawn have reached out into scores of industrial fields and the results of these efforts have been as great in all these fields as have been the results of the special efforts in States which develop some one particular industry. For instance, Missouri makes no claim as a lumber state, yet Michigan and Wisconsin, lumber states though they are, need to look to their laurels when they see Missouri not only producing lumber for her own population, but in one year shipping to her neighbors 300, 000,000 feet of lumber in addition to millions of cross ties and 40, 000,000 feet of uncut logs.

Texas may be great in agriculture but Missouri is great not only in agriculture but in mines of lead, zinc, coal, iron and manufactures and lumber—products in which even the imperial state of Texas is lacking.

Pennsylvania may vie with Missouri in coal and iron, but even the great key-stone state cuts a sorry figure when compared with Missouri's enormous yield of wheat and corn and watermelons and hides and lumber, and hundred other products that make her known not only as a "Jack" in all trades but as a "Jack" that excels in all.

All but 20 of Missouri's 114 counties make not only enough butter for home consumption, but enough to furnish their neighbors with 3,000,000 pounds a year.

The same warm sun that ripens the watermelons of Georgia also ripens the melons of Southeast Missouri; but the hot sun that makes the Missouri melon rival those of Georgia does not prevent in winter the freezing of our lakes and rivers; and whether the homeseeker is an ice cutter or a grower of semi-tropical fruits, Missouri can afford him a welcome and an opportunity to pursue his vocation.

One hundred and seven of our 114 counties ship poultry to the extent of nearly 50,000,000 pounds a year. Not another State in the Union

produces as many chickens as Missouri. In 1890 the U. S. census reported 22,785,848 chickens in our State. The only other state that approached this enormous number was Illinois.

In 1890 Missouri, with 2,674,184 inhabitants, stood fifth among the States in point of population.

Missouri has 238,043 farms; only two states exceed this number; only one state—Texas—has more acres of land devoted to farm purposes.

Missouri's 238,043 farms are valued at \$625,858,361.

In 1890 it took \$21,830,719 worth of implements and machinery to cultivate these farms.

In 1890 the live-stock was valued at \$138,701,173, and the farm products at \$109,751,024.

Missouri has 963,808 horses: only three other States exceed this number.

Missouri has 351,599 mules: no other State in the Union has so many.

In 1890 the U. S. Census officials found 4,987,432 hogs within our borders: only two other States could show as many.

The 6,072,121 acres of farms that were devoted to the cultivation of corn resulted in 196,999,016 bushels of that grain.

1,676,706	Missouri	acres produced	39,820,149	bushels of oats.
1,946,765	"	"	30,113,821	" wheat.
24,283	"	"	308,807	" rye.

In 1890, 3,567,635 ton of hay were harvested by Missouri farmers; they also produced in that year:

- 9,424,823 pounds of tobacco.
- 8,188,921 bushels of Irish potatoes.
- 561,551 bushels of sweet potatoes.
- 8,698,170 bushels of apples.
- 1,667,789 bushels of peaches.
- 2,721,240 gallons of sorghum.

## PRINCIPAL FARM PRODUCTS.

### APPLES

Are profitably and abundantly grown in the following counties: Atchison, Nodaway, Holt, Andrew, Jackson, Livingston, Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Webster and Howell.

### BUTTER MAKING

Is a profitable and important industry in Scotland, Saline, Sullivan, Nodaway, Andrew, Harrison, Mercer, Schuyler, Adair, Daviess, De Kalb, Caldwell, Fayette and Jasper counties.

**COAL**

Is mined extensively in Macon, Bates, Lafayette, Ray, Vernon, Putnam, Henry, Randolph, Barton, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Johnson and St. Clair.

**CORN**

Is a principal and paying crop in 89 counties.

**COTTON**

Is a principal crop in the following counties: Dunklin, Pemiscot, Stoddard, Taney, New Madrid and Wright.

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Are a principal and paying crop in St. Louis, Nodaway, Jefferson, Gentry, Platte, Buchanan, Clay, Lafayette, Caldwell and Clark counties.

**HAY**

Is a principal crop in Barton, Vernon, Bates, Henry, Cass, Lewis, St. Clair, Audrain, Jackson, Jasper and Pettis counties.

**IRON**

Is found in Dent, Crawford, St. Francois, Iron, Phelps, Wayne, Greene, Franklin and Macon counties.

**LEAD**

Is mined in great quantities in Jasper, Newton, Franklin, Greene, Jeffers on, Lawrence, Madison, St. Francois and Washington counties.

**LUMBER**

Is the principal source of wealth in 15 counties, viz: Pemiscot, Butler, New Madrid, Carter, Wayne, Mississippi, Reynolds, Stoddard, Texas, Dunklin, Iron, Shannon, Ripley, Scott and Madison.

**MELONS**

Are profitably and abundantly grown in Scott, Mississippi, Stoddard, Pike and Butler counties.

**NURSERY STOCK**

Is raised with profit and is a great industry in Nodaway, Knox, Holt, Jackson, Greene, Daviess, Pike, Henry and Franklin counties.

**PASTURES ARE GOOD, AND CATTLE ARE  
Raised to special advantage, in 37 counties; hogs in 35 counties;  
sheep in five counties; mules in five counties.**

**POULTRY RAISING**

**Is a great industry in Nodaway, Greene, Clark, Henry, Madison, St.  
Charles, Knox and St. Louis counties.**

**POTATOES**

**Are profitably and abundantly grown in 30 counties.**

**OATS**

**Are a principal and paying crop in 14 counties.**

**SMALL FRUITS**

**Are profitably and abundantly grown in Nodaway, Howell, Andrew,  
Iron, Lafayette, St. Louis, Taney, Webster and Jefferson counties.**

**TOBACCO**

**Is raised with profit in the following counties: Schuyler, Macon,  
Howard, Taney, Douglas, Callaway, Platte, Carroll, Linn, Marion,  
Cooper, Camden and Lacled.**

**WHEAT**

**Is a principal crop in 60 counties.**

**ZINC**

**Is mined in great quantities in Jasper, Jefferson, Lawrence, Newton  
and Wright counties.**

**MANUFACTURES.**

With the splendid showing of agricultural and mineral wealth, it would seem enough had been said: but there yet remains to point out the fact that though outranking many states in point of mines and agriculture, Missouri also occupies a place in the first rank, with respect to the number and importance of manufacturing establishments. Our 14,052 manufactures, representing \$189,558,546 of paid up capital, pay 143,139 employees \$76,417,364 a year. The labor represented by this amount of wages, applied to \$177,582,302 worth of raw material, resulted in finished goods that sold for \$324,561,993.

The greater portion of our factories is divided among the four largest cities of the State, thus :

	No. estab'mts.	Capital.	Em- ployees.	Wages.	Cost material.	Value product.
St. Joseph.....	276	\$5,230,697	5,026	\$2,351,691	\$7,848,353	\$11,916,141
Springfield.....	277	1,454,613	1,422	677,146	1,657,877	8,062,085
St. Louis.....	6,148	141,872,386	94,051	53,894,630	122,216,570	229,157,843
Kansas City.....	1,478	14,104,620	14,757	9,448,696	16,361,184	31,936,366

In 1890 Missouri's mineral product was valued at \$15,931,575. Coal was mined to the extent of 2,551,823 tons (long): iron to the extent of 265,718 tons.

#### RAILWAYS.

In 1890 Missouri had 5887 miles of railway: This was 2178 more miles than were in the State in 1880.

#### PUBLIC DEBTS.

Despite certain errors of National Public Policy which have tended to hamper the efforts of America's yeomanry to acquire that affluence and comfort which should ever result from toil and thrift, by wise and economical county and State Government the people of Missouri have reduced their public debt to \$19.24 per capita. (Combined debt 1880, \$60,263,761—in 1890, \$51,557,568.)

In 1880 State debt was.....	\$19,509,000
In 1890 State debt was.....	11,769,832
Decrease in the 10-year period.....	<u>7,749,168</u>
In 1880 county debts were.....	12,073,312
In 1890 county debts were.....	10,240,082
Decrease in the 10-year period.....	<u>1,833,230</u>
Municipal debt 1880.....	27,934,665
Municipal debt 1890.....	28,092,103
Increase in 10-year period.....	<u>157,438</u>

This 14.44% reduction of the combined debt of Missouri is all the more striking when compared with the increase noted in the debts of states all around us. In the same 10 year period within which Missouri's combined debt was decreased by \$8,706,193, Ohio's debt was increased \$18,021,211—(from \$53,044,175 to \$71,065,386), this was an increase of 33.97% or \$2.76 per capita.

Michigan's debt increased 40.52%, from \$12,055,902 to \$16,941,928.

Minnesota added \$14,722,496, making her debt in 1890 \$26,050,929 as against \$11,328,433 in 1880.

Iowa owed \$8,137,767 in 1880, in 1890, \$11,275,319—an increase of \$3,137,552 or 38.55%.

Nebraska increased from \$7,489,974 to \$15,536,772—(increase of \$8,046,798—107.43%).

Kansas increased from \$15,912,114 to \$40,629,022. This addition of \$24,716,908 to her public debt is equivalent to \$12.50 per capita—it is an increase of 155.29%.

Although the same large general conditions, which have conspired to cover many farms all over the country with mortgages, have been as operative in Missouri as elsewhere in the Union, it is gratifying to note that the prudence and conservatism with which our State affairs have been conducted have enabled our people to withstand unsatisfactory general conditions far better than has been done by our sister states.

As briefly indicated above, while Missouri has been decreasing her public debts, the debts of other states have leaped upwards to figures hitherto unknown in the history of State Governments.

The per capita combined State indebtedness of Missouri in 1890 was \$19.24; Ohio's was \$19.35, Minnesota's \$20.01 and Kansas' \$28.47.

#### TAXABLE WEALTH.

The Assessors of Missouri's 114 counties report property subject to taxation to the value of \$441,656,622.

As the average of assessed values throughout the State is only 35.22% of true values, the actual value of Missouri's property, real and personal, may be placed at the enormous sum of \$1,253,993,816.

The following figures for the 114 counties show the stock and cattle found by the assessors in 1895. It is a matter of note that the assessor's report is usually considerably under the actual figures, hence the number of horses and cattle actually in Missouri is doubtless much larger than appears from this showing.

963,808	head of horses assessed as worth.....	\$20,887,397
274,441	" mules " "	6,572,658
1,711,716	" neat cattle " "	20,611,053
745,126	" sheep " "	840,343
2,958,035	" hogs " "	5,939,150

**ST. LOUIS, THE METROPOLIS OF MISSOURI AND THE WEST.**

Population 1896, 600,000.

St. Louis, which is in point of population 5th among American cities, rivals the cities of even the old world in its miles of beautiful boulevards, its palatial residences, its thousands of comfortable homes and its commercial and manufacturing importance. No city in America can compare with St. Louis in point of street railway transportation facilities; an elaborate system of transfers exists between the different companies and by payment of a single 5c fare one may ride over a great portion of the city's 300 miles of street railways. With the exception of a few companies using the cable system, the street railways are operated by electricity, and the coaches used are of the latest palace car model.

The Park system of St. Louis is justly celebrated and no botanical garden in the world surpasses Shaw's garden in the southwestern portion of the city. Tower Grove park adjoining Shaw's garden, which presents examples of the landscape gardener's highest skill, also possesses a number of groups of statuary carved by artists of world wide fame. In this park and in the other large parks of the city the people congregate by the thousands on summer evenings and Sunday afternoons to enjoy the beauties of nature and hear the music of the public bands.

The climate of St. Louis has been most unjustly aspersed by rival cities; it is not true that it experiences great extremes of either heat or cold and the death rate is less than that of any large city in the Union.

St. Louis is the distributing point, not only of the Mississippi valley, but of the great West and Southwest, and even of the extreme Northwest. The commercial travelers representing St. Louis' wholesale firms traverse the Pacific states as well as the Mississippi valley states, and sales amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars are made by St. Louis firms to buyers in as distant points as California, Oregon and Washington. The trade with Mexico is growing by leaps and bounds, and St. Louis can already claim to be mistress of American trade with our sister Republic of the South.

**MANUFACTURES**—But four American cities surpass St. Louis in number and extent of their manufactures; as a distributor of shoes St. Louis is surpassed by only one other city; it ranks third as a dis-

tributor of dry-goods, clothing and groceries. No other city in the world has as large a hardware house or drug house or woodenware house or tobacco factories or lead works or brick yards or stove and range factories as has St. Louis. No other city in the Union has as large a brewery or shoe factory or street car factory as St. Louis.

**POPULATION**—St. Louis is a cosmopolitan city; originally founded by the French, it still retains some decidedly French characteristics, but there has been so large an infusion of Germans, Southerners, Westerners and New Englanders that it is impossible to designate St. Louis by any other term than cosmopolitan; whether from France or Germany or from the New England states, the Southern states or the West, the stranger in St. Louis will feel at home.

The public school system is unsurpassed, and its universities and colleges of law hold high rank among the institutions of the country.

As a railway center St. Louis is pre-eminent; its magnificent Union station building is known over the world as the largest and most elaborate structure ever erected.

St. Louis is half way between the source and the mouth of the Mississippi river, and the fleet of steamers that float on the Father of Waters carries the city's commerce from the distant lakes of the North to the Gulf of Mexico.

St. Louis had in 1895 \$4,112,000 invested in the bagging industry, producing an output of \$1,517,577; \$2,080,000 was invested in car works with a return of \$2,725,723; the breweries, with a capital of \$14,629,000, report an output of \$10,065,342; the tobacco manufactures, with \$5,465,392 invested, give a showing of \$13,371,626; the iron foundries, with a capital of \$3,441,478, report an output of \$4,148,295; with \$2,006,000 invested in the manufacture of clothing, a report of \$4,885,907 is made of the selling value of the goods.

The assessed valuation in 1860 was.....	\$57,537,415
" " 1880 " .....	160,493,000
" " 1895 " .....	326,463,600
Value of Manufactured Product in 1860.....	27,000,000
" " " 1880.....	114,333,375
" " " 1894.....	285,000,000
Street Railway passengers carried in 1885.....	41,000,000
" " " 1895.....	102,500,000

## KANSAS CITY.

Population, 150,000.

Although Kansas City's present population is estimated at only 150,000, the city is so intimately connected by elevated railways, electric lines and cable systems with Wyandotte, Kansas City, Kansas, Independence and other adjacent cities, that for all practical purposes the business interests of Kansas City may be said to represent a city of nearly if not quite a quarter of a million inhabitants.

Situated at the junction of the Kaw and Missouri rivers, it owes part of its commercial importance to steamboat transportation; but its reputation as the great distributing point of the West, Southwest and Northwest depends mainly upon its unrivaled railway facilities; some twenty railroads radiate from Kansas City carrying the commerce of that progressive place to the millions of inhabitants within a radius of from 800 to 1000 miles.

The city owns its water works and the competition existing between two private gas companies has resulted in giving the citizens an unlimited supply of gas at the low rate of one dollar per thousand feet.

A splendid system of cable, electric and elevated railways affords cheap and rapid transportation, not only to all parts of the city but to a number of delightful parks and suburban resorts located in various parts of Jackson county.

The brick and asphaltum paved streets are lighted by both gas and electricity. The stockyards and slaughter houses of Kansas City furnish employment to a small army of men and a market for the cattle and hogs of the farmers of several states. A number of flour mills, breweries, furniture factories, planing mills, brick factories and iron foundries add to the city's manufacturing importance. Sixteen banks represent a capital of more than \$6,000,000, carrying deposits averaging \$20,000,000. The magnificent public schools, office buildings, hotels and handsome residences all combine to give Kansas City a metropolitan air.

As the condition of the farmers in the central west becomes more prosperous, the importance of Kansas City will increase as a manufacturing and distributing center; its business now stands upon a firm basis and many profitable opportunities are constantly offered for the safe and permanent investment of capital.

### OTHER CITIES.

In addition to the two large cities just mentioned, Missouri possesses a number of other smaller cities, such as St. Joseph, Springfield and Hannibal, which are already possessed of considerable wealth, refinement and business manufacturing importance. Lack of space prevents further details concerning these cities here; brief mention will be made of them and of a number of other cities in those pages wherein are described the different counties of Missouri.

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### ADAIR COUNTY.

Population, 18,530.

One hundred and eighty miles northwest of St. Louis. Three railroads, Wabash, Santa Fe, and Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City, afford ample market facilities.

**SOIL**—Prairie, with black vegetable loam, timber land along the water courses with clay soil and some little bottom land with sandy soil. All three kinds of soil very fertile. Rich coal strata. Seven mines operated. Fine clay, limestone and sandstone in abundance.

**WATER**—Chariton with its tributary to Blackbird river, Salt river and Bear creek flow from north to south through the county amidst farms and pastures. Living springs and wells and cisterns furnish pure drinking water.

**ROADS** are in fair condition; they are graded and kept up by a road tax of 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Pine, oak, walnut, hickory, maple and elm cover the hillsides along the streams. A handsome amount is annually marketed in shape of cooperage, cross-ties and hardwood lumber.

**FUEL**—Coal, home mined, of very good quality sells for \$2.25 a ton. Cord wood at \$2.50.

**COST OF LAND**—Good farm land sells as low as \$20 to \$25 an acre. Timber land from \$10 to \$15.

**FARM LABOR**—Good hands receive from \$20 to \$25 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn takes the first place on the list of commodities. It matures in about 120 days and yields 35 bushels to an acre. Less than 10 per cent of the crop is marketed. Next comes oats and timothy. Enormous quantities are shipped to St. Louis and

Chicago. Apples are largely grown, also some small fruit. Poultry and eggs, also butter, are raised for the market. Tobacco is grown for home consumption; little is shipped. As a cattle and hog raising county, Adair county is among the leading in Northeast Missouri.

In 1894 the county shipped the following surplus products:

Cattle, head.....	7,236	Apples, barrels .....	28,888
Hogs, head .....	28,999	Small fruits, crates and baskets.....	401
Horses and mules, head .....	600	Vegetables, pounds.....	30,400
Sheep, head .....	1,440	Game, pounds .....	2,212
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	18	Butter, pounds.....	78,211
Wheat, bushels .....	77	Eggs, dozen.....	866,690
Corn, bushels.....	21,450	Poultry, pounds .....	458,580
Oats, bushels.....	44,800	Wool, pounds .....	43,940
Mixed grain, bushels.....	1,400	Hides, pounds .....	284,690
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	2,750	Feathers, pounds.....	4,080
Seed, bushels.....	515	Coal, tons.....	18,800
Hay, bales.....	11,060	Cooperage, cars .....	51
Flour, barrels.....	1,200	Cross ties, cars.....	61,400
Tobacco, pounds.....	1,450	Lumber, feet .....	225,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — The inhabitants of Adair are principally American, refined, educated and very hospitable. Some 15 houses of worship, a great number of public and private schools; all kinds of fraternal organizations make it a desirable location for those that are seeking a comfortable home.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Cheap land, productive soil remarkably adapted for fruit growing. Stock raising on an extensive scale is still very profitable. The county seat is

**KIRKSVILLE**—On Wabash and Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City railroads; 205 miles northwest of St. Louis, with 6000 inhabitants. Streets are macadamized, sidewalks of granitoid and brick. The city is well lighted by electricity, has water works and telephone system and second-class postoffice. A number of factories make Kirksville the industrial center of Northeast Missouri. Three banks have a capital invested of \$110,000 and deposits exceeding \$200,000. Kirksville is an educational and religious center, with 10 churches of all denominations. Six schools—two public schools, a conservatory of music and languages, American School of Osteopathy and the First District State Normal. It is also the home of the A. T. Still Infirmary. Kirksville invites capitalists, investors and home-seekers to examine the advantages it has to offer. It wants a strictly

first-class hotel, a harness and saddle shop and a boot and shoe factory, woolen and carding factory, a pickle and canning factory.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Adair county has:

360,880 acres of land assessed at .....	\$2,363,945
Her town lots are assessed at.....	913,670
Personal property is assessed at.....	1,258,723
Total assessed value of property.....	4,535,337

Values in Adair county are 31.85 per cent of real values, hence actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,239,676.

Adair county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,993 horses, assessed at \$21.68 per head; total .....	\$238,380
1,249 mules, assessed at \$19.24 per head; total .....	24,055
18,121 sheep—neat C at \$13.06 per head; total.....	236,762
3,743 sheep, assessed at \$1.02 per head; total.....	3,835
17,322 hogs, assessed at \$2.83 per head; total .....	49,084
Money, notes and bonds.....	379,057
In 1894 Adair county operated—schools .....	76
Teachers .....	128
Pupils.....	4,626
Total amount spent for schools in the same year was .....	\$34,813.15
Permanent school fund.....	49,735.89

## ANDREW COUNTY.

Population, 16,000.

Northwest Missouri. Traversed by K. C., St. Joe & C. B., Chicago & Great Western, and St. Joe & Des Moines railroads; 60 miles from Kansas City, 10 miles from St. Joseph.

**SOIL**—Is divided between timber and prairie with bottom upland. The bottom land is a light, sandy, calcareous soil, very fertile. The upland soil is composed of silicious marsh and is also very fertile. There is a fine yellow clay, good for brick making. Also, lime and sand stone are found. The soil is productive of all fruits and grains.

**WATER**—Well and cistern. Nodaway and Platte rivers flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order. Road taxes, 10 cents per \$100 valuation and \$2 poll-tax.

**TIMBER**—Oak, elm, walnut, maple and hickory.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 to \$2.50 per cord. Soft coal, \$3 to \$3.50 per ton. Hard coal, \$8 to \$10 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$40 to \$60 per acre. Timber land, \$15 to \$25 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Equal to demand \$16 to \$20 per month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn grown in about four months. Yielding from 25 to 27 bushels per acre. In 1895 the average price for corn was 20 cents per bushel. For the past five years 35 cents was the average price. Besides, corn, wheat, oats, rye, timothy, clover and millet, are raised in large quantities. Railroad facilities for shipping crops are excellent.

**CATTLE**—All the well-known grades of cattle and hogs are raised. Also, a few sheep.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	10,652	Dried fruit, pounds .....	2,925
Horses and mules, head.....	624	Small fruits, pounds.....	2,700
Hogs, head.....	40,163	Butter, pounds.....	51,884
Sheep, head.....	810	Eggs, dozen .....	766,080
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	52	Poultry, pounds.....	133,215
Wheat, bushels.....	7,200	Cheese, pounds.....	11,851
Corn, bushels.....	50,134	Hides, pounds .....	38,344
Oats, bushels.....	5,694	Wool, pounds.....	2,350
Mixed Grain, bushels.....	2,985	Cider, gallons.....	5,467
Hay, bales.....	430	Lumber, feet. ....	981,000
Flour, barrels.....	813	Walnut logs, feet.....	25,000
Apples, bushels.....	72,696	Posts, feet.....	14,000
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	2,438,930	Lime, bushels.....	4,800
Seed, bushels.....	763		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,000; mostly American; about 10 per cent German; 26 county churches of various denominations; 86 county schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate good; all kinds of fruits and vegetables natural to this part of the country can be produced abundantly and cheaply; general health of the county is good. There are a number of thriving towns, among them Savannah, the county seat.

**SAVANNAH**—Population, 1350; situated on the K. C., St. Joe & C. B. and Chicago & Great Western railroads. Savannah is a flourishing city with many brick store buildings and beautiful homes. The city is watered by wells and cisterns; the streets are well graded and lighted by electricity; good sidewalks of wood, stone and concrete. Taxes, city, 50 cents; county, 50 cents; State, 25 cents; school, 65 cents on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Savannah possesses eight churches; one “eight” grade school, also one colored school; two banks, capital, \$42,000,

deposits, \$300,000. All the well-known societies are represented. In addition to railroad towns within a radius of 14 miles are the "inland" towns of Filmore and Rochester, both of which are well laid out and inhabited by an intelligent and progressive population. In Savannah all branches of trade are represented by many well stocked stores at which housewives and farmers can obtain all needful articles. Two mills, a machine shop, creamery and barrel factory are in working order.

**EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPENING**—For a fruit cannery, broom, ax-handle, cider and vinegar factories.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Andrew county has 269,830 acres, assessed at \$2,965,300; her town lots are assessed at \$362,845; personal property at \$2,117,230; total assessed value of property, \$5,445,375; assessed values are 31.66 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$17,199,541.

Andrew county's personal property consists mainly of

10,000 horses, assessed	\$20.24 per head; total.....	\$202,415
2,590 mules, "	19.48 " " .....	50,465
19,366 neat cattle "	17.28 " " .....	334,625
1,633 sheep, "	1.45 " " .....	2,365
37,432 hogs, "	3.24 " " .....	121,355
Money, bonds and notes .....		1,026,400
Schools in 1894.....		86
Teachers .....		132
Pupils.....		4,709
Amount spent for schools .....		38,478.28
Permanent school fund.....		55,258.75

### ATCHISON COUNTY.

Population, 16,021.

**Extreme Northwest Missouri.** Traversed by K. C., St. Joe & C. B. & Q. & St. Louis & Northwestern Railroads; 60 miles north of St. Joseph, 108 miles from Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Eastern and central part rolling and prairie. The part bordering on Missouri river contains very fine bottom lands. The deep subsoil of black loam which exists throughout the county is very productive for all grains; some timber lands.

**WATER**—Wells and cisterns. Besides the Missouri river, which embraces the western part, the Tarkio river and its branches run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, and in good order. Road tax, 5 per cent on assessed valuation.

**TIMBER**—Very little grown and none shipped out of the county.  
**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 to \$4 per cord. Soft coal, \$3 to \$4 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$30 to \$80 per acre. Timber land, \$20 to \$25 per acre. Other land sells from \$5 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply; \$18 to \$20 per month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn. Raised in about five months. Average yield, about 40 bushels per acre. Brought last year as high an average as 28 cents per bushel, and for past five years has averaged about 32 cents per bushel. Total amount of crop in 1895, 4,000,000 bushels, valued at \$1,200,000. On account of fertile land, good crops of wheat and oats are raised. Good railroad connections; crops can be easily brought to market.

**CATTLE**—Mostly Jersey. Not many sheep. Hogs, Poland and other breeds.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	37,016	Dried fruit, pounds.....	980
Horses and mules, head .....	260	Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	22
Hogs, head .....	39,854	Honey, pounds.....	525
Sheep, head .....	1,710	Grease, pounds .....	80,000
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	3	Hides, pounds.....	60,080
Wheat, bushels .....	93,600	Furs, pounds.....	110
Corn, bushels .....	634,440	Wool, pounds .....	220
Oats, bushels .....	13,600	Butter, pounds.....	5,366
Mixed grain, bushels.....	2,900	Eggs, dozen .....	86,010
Seed, bushels.....	794	Poultry, pounds .....	99,200
Potatoes, bushels.....	1,146	Lumber, feet .....	54,000
Apples, bushels. ....	90,315	Junk, pounds .....	120,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**.—Population, 16,021. American, 80 per cent; German, 20 per cent; 18 county churches; 86 county schools; numerous lodges of Odd-Fellows, Masons and K. P.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good; general health above the average. On account of richness of soil, all vegetables for canning can be raised. Many thriving towns are in the county, among them Rockport, the county seat.

**ROCKPORT**—Population, about 1043. Situated on the Tarkio valley branch K. C., St. Joe & C. B. and Rockport, Langdon & Northern. Rockport is a wideawake town, with good streets, water works, side walks of wood, brick and concrete, and well lighted by electricity. Taxes, \$1.85 on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Rockport contains five churches, a good public school, two banks—capital \$55,000, deposits \$200,000; lodges of Masons, Odd-Fellows, K. P. and G. A. R. All branches of trade are represented by well-stocked stores. Among other industries it contains a fine flour mill and a planing mill. In addition to railroad towns there is the inland town Magnet, a flourishing little burg, about five miles distant from Rockport.

**EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPENING** for creamery, canning and vinegar factories.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Atchison county has 330,147 acres assessed at \$3,736,093; her town lots are assessed at \$338,632; personal property at \$1,034,308; total assessed value of property, \$5,109,033. Assessed values are 36.70 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$13,921,070.

Atchison county's personal property consists mainly of

10,960 horses, assessed at 18 48 per head, total.....	\$202,603
2,778 mules, " \$25 65 "	71,280
23,607 neat cattle, " 19.02 "	449,124
534 sheep, " 1.62 "	870
42,991 hogs, " 4.12 "	177,510
Money, bonds and notes.....	1,020,215
Schools in 1894 .....	86
Teachers .....	108
Pupils.....	5,634
Amount spent on schools.....	51,357.05
Permanent school fund.....	99,310.16

## AUDRAIN COUNTY.

Population, 23,245.

Northeastern Central Missouri. Traversed by Wabash, Chicago & Alton railroads and their branches; 105 miles from St. Louis; 220 miles from Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Undulating prairie, rich, black loam, very productive. Unlimited quantities of fine clay, a peculiar formation of limestone, which is soft when quarried, but hardens the longer it is exposed to the air. There are four coal mines in operation. Zinc ore is also found.

**WATER**—Cisterns and bored wells. Salt river, its numerous branches and several creeks drain the county.

**ROADS**—Fair dirt roads, improving each year. Road tax, 10 cents per \$100.

**TIMBER**—White oak, hickory and walnut in limited quantities for building purposes only.

**FUEL**—Coal, 8 cents per bushel ; wood, \$2.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$25 to \$50 per acre. Timber land, \$10 to \$30 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply sufficient for demand ; \$15 to \$22.50 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Grass, corn and oats in the order mentioned, grown from May to September ; also wheat, rye, barley, broom corn and various fruits and vegetables. Shipping facilities are first class. Cattle for beef and dairy are raised, also hogs and sheep.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	16,416	Tallow, pounds.....	9,700
Horses and mules, head .....	2,740	Butter, pounds.....	47,725
Hogs, head .....	84,507	Eggs, dozen .....	612,450
Sheep, head .....	13,590	Poultry, pounds .....	778,098
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	65	Feathers, pounds.....	10,265
Corn, bushels .....	12,350	Hides, pounds.....	112,650
Oats, bushels....	272,800	Pelts, pounds .....	125,000
Seed, bushels.....	18,240	Wool, pounds .....	184,100
Hay, bales.....	65,160	Coal, tons.....	3,860
Flour, barrels.....	1,950	Cross ties .....	1,800
Flax, pounds.....	120,000	Tile, cars .....	13
Potatoes, bushels..	564	Building brick, cars.....	213
Dressed meat, pounds.....	2,790	Fire clay, cars .....	7
Molasses, gallons.....	700	Lime, barrels .....	82,350
Game, pounds.....	1,500	Lumber, feet.....	396,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 23,245 ; mostly Americans ; a sprinkling of Germans and Irish ; all religious denominations are represented. There are 101 public schools, also several private ones. Among the fraternal orders are Masons, Knights of Pythias, etc.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, fine. All kinds of fruits and vegetables are raised in abundance ; general health, good. Among many thriving towns is Mexico, the county seat,

**MEXICO**—Population about 5000, situated on the Chicago & Alton and Wabash railroads. Mexico is a fine, flourishing city with well graded streets and granitoid pavements in the business portion ; water works. Fine brick stores and handsome residences. The city is lighted by electricity.

**TAXES**—City, 50 cents ; county, 65 cents ; school, 40 cents ; State, 25 cents on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Mexico contains 10 churches, two white and one colored public school, military academy, female college and private school. Three banks, capital \$321,500, deposits \$320,000.

**LODGES**—Most of the well known societies are represented. The following are the principal inland towns: Madisonville, Gazette, Middletown, Worcester, Molino, Skinner and Gant. Mexico itself is a fine picturesque city with many stores of all kinds, fine hotels, two flour mills, etc.

Excellent business opening for fruit cannery and other industries.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Audrain county has 433,160 acres assessed at \$3,784,990. Her town lots are assessed at \$1,209,540. Personal property at \$2,951,770. Total assessed value of property, \$7,946,300. Assessed values are 32.54 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$24,420,098.

Audrain county's personal property consists mainly of—

12,567 horses, assessed at \$21.57 per head, total.....	\$308,925
4,345, mules     "     24.97     "     " .....	108,585
21,209 neat cattle, "     13.18     "     " .....	279,710
14,953 sheep,     "     1.02     "     " .....	15,345
28,961 hogs,     "     2.96     "     " .....	85,960
Money, notes and bonds.....	1,174,880
Schools in 1894.....	101
Teachers .....	153
Pupils .....	5,794
Amount spent for schools.....	\$56,272.44
Permanent school fund.....	23,507.94

## BARRY COUNTY.

Population, 27,212.

Southwest Missouri; traversed by St. Louis and San Francisco railroad; 180 miles south of Kansas City, 60 miles from Springfield.

**SOIL**—Varies from the black loam in the valleys which is very productive to the more flinty soil lying near the Ozark mountains. The prairies are rich, producing fine crops of grains, natural to this part of the country. Fine quantity of red clay for bricks, lime stone for building and good lithograph stone are found. Also onyx and lead and zinc.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns, and many springs of purest water. White, Kings and Roaring river, besides many smaller streams, run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition. Road tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, in large quantities. Some walnut, cherry and hickory. Large shipments of white and post oak for railroad use are made each year.

**FUEL**—Wood, average price about \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$15 to \$30 per acre. Timber land, \$3 to \$10 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply equal to demand; \$13 to \$20 per month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Grain of all kinds are raised in abundance. Vegetables and small fruits are raised and shipped in large quantities. Apples predominating. Raspberries and strawberries yielding from \$50 to \$75 per acre. Vineyards are grown successfully. Fine pasturing affords good opportunity for raising live-stock to the best advantage.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped out of the county in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	1,242	Game, pounds.....	18,307
Horses and mules, head.....	81	Tallow, pounds .....	6,695
Hogs, head.....	8,600	Dressed meat, pounds.....	650
Sheep, head.....	450	Butter, pounds.....	6,906
Mixed live stock, cars .....	86	Eggs, dozen.....	171,390
Wheat, bushels.....	282,000	Poultry, pounds.....	220,359
Corn, bushels.....	38,150	Feathers, pounds.....	1,306
Oats, bushels.....	800	Hides, pounds.....	34,221
Mixed grain, bushels.....	4,500	Zinc ore, tons.....	20
Flour, barrels.....	27,045	Cross ties .....	52,800
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	390,000	Lumber, feet.....	128,000
Seed, bushels.....	208	Cooperage, cars.....	21
Potatoes, bushels.....	8,100	Wood, cords.....	756
Apples, bushels.....	528	Wool, pounds.....	2,865
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	37,188		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 27,212; mostly American; a few Germans in north and west part of county; over 50 county churches and 102 county schools. The many advantages of Barry county both social and natural have justly given it the title of the “Diadem of the Ozarks.”

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate of a moderate temperature, the cool breezes from the mountain making the summer months delightful; and in the winter, on account of the Ozarks breaking the winds, blizzards are unknown. There are no swamp lands, hence ague and fevers peculiar to such districts are never visited upon the people of

Barry county. There are many progressive towns in Barry county, among which is Cassville, the beautifully located county seat.

**CASSVILLE**—Population, 1000. Situated on Cassville & Western R. R., connected with the St. Louis & San Francisco R. R. at Exeter. Three churches, a good public school, two banks—capital \$35,000, deposits \$140,000—four lodges, all necessary stores and a good flour mill.

**EXCELLENT BUSINESS OPENING**—For woolen, canning, handle, spoke, stave, tannery, chair, broom and barrel factories. Besides the beautiful situation of Cassville, its streets are well lighted with lamps and in good condition, with sidewalks of stone and wood. Town tax, 20 cents on \$100 valuation; county, 40 cents; school, 50 cents. In addition to railroad towns are the wide-awake “inland” towns—Golden, Jenkins, Shell Knob and Eagle Rock.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Barry county has 436,010 acres assessed at \$1,878,425. Her town lots are assessed at \$396,340. Personal property assessed at \$878,434. Total assessed value of property at \$3,153,199. Assessed values are 30.46 per cent of real values, hence actual wealth of county is estimated at \$10,351,933.

Barry county personal property consists mainly of—

8868 horses, assessed at \$20.70 her head; total .....	\$184,031
3073 mules, assessed at \$22.77 per head; total.....	69,979
13,344 neat cattle at \$8.52 per head; total.....	113,808
7499 sheep at \$1 per head; total.....	7,500
33,036 hogs at \$1.02 per head; total.....	33,714
Money, bonds and notes.....	157,990
Schools in 1894 .....	102
Teachers .....	120
Pupils .....	6,567
Amount spent on schools.....	\$25,300.12
Permanent school fund .....	13,402.02

### BARTON COUNTY.

Population, 22,590.

Southwest Missouri. Traversed by Missouri Pacific, Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroads; 108 miles from Sedalia; 120 miles from Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Rich undulating prairie; black sandy loam, which is very productive. Sub-soil of clay. The prairie is intersected by many streams, well wooded. A fine red clay, good for making brick and pottery. Limestone for building is found throughout the county. Abundance of coal is mined in the western part.

**WATER**—Wells and cisterns ; some springs of magnesia and limestone nature. There are a good many streams in the county containing pure water.

**ROADS**—Good natural dirt roads in fair order. Poll tax, \$3.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, maple, elm and ash. Enough grown for home use.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1 to \$1.75 per cord ; coal, \$2 to \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$25 to \$40 per acre. Timber land, \$10 to \$20 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply throughout the year except in summer ; \$15 to \$20 month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn. Average time of growth, four months ; 20 to 40 bushels per acre ; average price last year, 25 cents ; for the past five years, 30 cents. Wheat, oats, flax, timothy and prairie hay are raised in large quantities. Railroad facilities for shipping crops to market good. All the well-known breeds of cattle, hogs and sheep are raised.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	6,075	Nursery stock, pounds.....	655,000
Horses and mules, head .....	1,280	Game, pounds.....	207,208
Hogs, head .....	20,062	Butter, pounds.....	16,765
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	2	Eggs, dozen .....	66,960
Wheat, bushels .....	15,000	Poultry, pounds .....	791,814
Corn, bushels .....	72,150	Feathers, pounds.....	560
Oats, bushels.....	81,600	Building brick, cars .....	7
Flour, barrels.....	9,666	Sand, cars .....	4
Flax, pounds.....	2,670,000	Stone, cars .....	26
Hay, bales.....	248,940	Coal, tons.....	110,400
Seed, bushels.....	19,800	Wood, cords.. .....	582
Potatoes, bushels.....	4,200	Cooperage, cars.....	33
Apples, barrels .....	588	Lumber, feet.....	36,000
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	69,261	Small fruits, crates and baskets....	5,946

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 22,590 ; principally American ; 101 county schools ; 10 churches of all denominations ; many free silver clubs. The inhabitants are intelligent, refined and a most energetic class of people. No county surpasses Barton county in advantages for homeseekers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, mild ; thermometer seldom falling below zero in the winter and a delightful breeze in the summer ; making an exceptional climate all the year around ; small fruits and

vegetables are grown in profusion for canning purposes; health very good; land cheap, and railroads accessable, making Barton county one of the most desirable counties for homeseekers in the State. Among many thriving towns throughout the county is Lamar, the beautiful county seat.

**LAMAR**—Containing a population of about 4000, situated on the Missouri Pacific, Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis railroads, with fine water works, well graded streets, sidewalks of brick, stone and cement and most brilliantly lighted by electricity.

**ADVANTAGES**—Lamar contains nine churches, a good public school, three banks, capital \$110,000, deposits \$225,000, Masonic, Odd-Fellows, A. O. U. W. and other lodges, well stocked stores of all branches of trade, foundry and machine shops, flour mill, carriage works, planing mill and broom factory.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING**—For canning factory and creamery. In addition to railroad towns are the following "inland" towns: Milford, Nashville, Newport and Verdella.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Barton county has :

369,611 acres assessed at.....	\$2,981,585
Her town lots are .....	742,877
Personal property assessed at.....	1,001,017
Total assessed value of property.....	4,725,479

Assessed values are 34.38 per cent of real values, hence actual wealth of county is estimated at \$13,744,848.

Barton's personal property consists mainly of—

11,416 horses assessed at \$16.52 per head ; total.....	\$188,700
2,638 mules assessed at \$18.40 per head ; total.....	48,688
16,340 neat cattle at \$12.09 per head ; total.....	197 659
2,928 sheep at 77 cent per head ; total.....	2,284
16,032 hogs at 2.81 per head ; total.....	45,167
Money, notes and bonds.....	306,798
Number of schools in 1894 .....	101
Number of teachers in 1894.....	137
Number of pupils in 1894.....	5,780
Amount expended on schools in 1894.....	73,367.16
Permanent school fund....	77,682:81

**BATES COUNTY.**

Population 35,649.

On western border of State. Traversed by Missouri Pacific, Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf; 60 miles from Kansas City, 100 miles from Springfield.

**SOIL**—Rolling prairie of a rich sandy loam ; well timbered along the streams. The prairie land is very productive, yielding abundantly grass and cereals of all varieties. In the west and southwest are extensive coal veins, both hard and soft, which are largely mined. Red and yellow clay for brick and limestone for building are found. Zinc and iron are found, but not yet developed.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs ; Osage and Grand rivers with their tributaries run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good order, bridges with iron structures. Tax, 10 per cent on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Enough (for home use) of hickory, oak, walnut and post oak.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 to \$3 per cord ; coal, soft, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm, \$20 to \$50 per acre ; swamps, \$5 ; mineral land, \$500 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply ; wages from \$15 to \$18 per month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn grown in about five months ; 25 to 50 bushels per acre. Average price last year, 18 cents ; for previous five years, 25 cents per bushel. Wheat, millet, oats, flax, hay, yield abundantly. All the well known breeds of cattle, hogs and sheep are advantageously raised.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	16,794	Apples, bushels.....	1,500
Horses and mules, head .....	850	Fruits and vegetables, pounds .....	24,738
Sheep, head .....	595	Game, pounds .....	4,360
Hogs, head .....	36,003	Castor beans, pounds .....	20,000
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	82	Butter, pounds.....	22,668
Wheat, bushels .....	97,800	Eggs, dozen .....	234,540
Corn, bushels .....	408,000	Poultry, pounds .....	601,332
Oats, bushels.....	128,000	Hides, pounds .....	307,583
Flour, bushels.....	86,730	Junk, pounds .....	240,000
Corn meal, bushels.....	210,000	Building brick, cars .....	31
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	1,380,000	Coal, tons .....	238,600
Flax, pounds.....	1,770,000	Cooperage, cars .....	48
Hay, bales.....	197,610	Logs, feet .....	21,000
Seed, bushels.....	87,536	Lumber, feet .....	160,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	2,763	Small fruits, crates .....	193

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 35,649; mostly American. Numbers of churches of all denominations; 135 schools; lodges of Modern Woodmen. The people are peacable, intelligent and law-abiding, making a community very desirable for homeseekers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health of Bates is above the average. The soil is rich, producing all grains, fruits and vegetables used for canning; land is cheap; railroad facilities are excellent for handling crops. Throughout the county there are many growing towns, among them Butler, the county seat.

**BUTLER**, population about 4000; situated on the Missouri Pacific railroad, containing a fine system of water works, well-paved streets, good sidewalks of granitoid and brick and well-lighted by electricity. Taxes, town, 50 cents; county, 40 cents; school, 65 cents, and State, 25 cents on the \$100.

**ADVANTAGES**—Butler contains 11 churches of all denominations, a good public school and academy, three large banks, many lodges and societies, stores of all kinds, flouring mills, cigar and carriage factories, marble yards and brickkilns. Here is a fine business opening for canning and cheese factories, potteries and woodenware works. In addition to railroad towns are the following "inland" towns, all of which are very desirable for homes: Johnston, Ballard, Pleasant Gap, Virginia and Cornland.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Bates county has 535,747 acres assessed at \$5,096,306; her town lots are assessed at \$1,228,280; personal property assessed at \$2,080,083; total assessed value of property, \$8,404,669; assessed values are 34.60 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of the county is estimated at \$24,290,950.

Bates county personal property consists mainly of—

17,992 horses assessed at \$20.76 per head; total.....	\$373,536
4,394 mules assessed at \$20.89 per head; total.....	91,819
26,362 neat cattle assessed at \$12.31 per head; total.....	324,743
1,930 sheep assessed at 99 cents per head; total.....	1,908
33,658 hogs assessed at \$3.42 per head; total.....	115,222
Money, bonds and notes.....	420,147
Schools in 1894.....	135
Teachers .....	200
Pupils .....	8,957
Amount spent on schools.....	\$77,032.66
Permanent school fund.....	63,990.80

## BENTON COUNTY.

Population, 16,261.

West Central Missouri; traversed by Missouri Pacific railroad; 35 miles from Sedalia, 100 miles from Kansas City.

**SOIL**—The northern part is of a rich loam prairie; very rich and productive. The southern part is covered with more or less timber. In the northwest part of the county cannel coal is found. All kinds of clay and fine quality of limestone, iron, lead and zinc are found, but are undeveloped.

**WATER**—Wells, springs and cisterns. Osage and Grand rivers, and many creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good order. Tax, 5 cents on \$100 valuation; poll-tax, \$3.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, walnut and ash is found in abundance. Large quantities of this timber are shipped each year.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 to \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$10 to \$40 per acre. Timber land, \$1.25 to \$20 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient to meet the demand. From \$12 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn, grown in about five months. Average price per bushel last year 20 cents, for the past five years 30 cents. Fine crops of oats, wheat, flax and vegetables are raised in profusion.

**FINE GRADES OF JERSEY CATTLE**—South Downs sheep, Berkshire hogs are raised. Also Hereford cattle for beef.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	3,529	Lard, pounds.....	61
Hogs, head .....	27,160	Poultry, pounds .....	126,648
Sheep, head .....	2,160	Butter, pounds.....	24,225
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	48	Eggs, dozen .....	240,209
Wheat, bushels .....	52,769	Feathers, pounds.....	20
Corn, bushels .....	38,164	Apples, bushels.....	6,300
Oats, bushels.....	32,100	Furs, pounds.....	414
Flax, bushels.....	1,200,000	Ties.....	31,000
Dressed meat, pounds .....	670	Wood, cords.....	700
Game, pounds .....	90	Cooperage, cars .....	23
Fish, pounds .....	23		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,261; German and American. Many Baptist, Methodist, Christian and Catholic churches; 94

county schools. Law abiding class of intelligent citizens, ready to welcome homeseekers with push and capital.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good, healthy climate; sure and steady crops; good farm and timber land at a very low price. All fruits and vegetables for canning can be raised in abundance. There are many towns throughout the county desirable for homes, among them is Warsaw, the beautiful county seat.

**WARSAW**—Population about 900; situated on the Missouri Pacific Railway; amply supplied with water from good wells and cisterns; streets well graded, sidewalks of wood in good condition and lighted by oil lamps. Taxes, city, 20 cents; county, \$1; state, 25 cents; school, \$1.10 on \$100.

**ADVANTAGES**—Warsaw has a delightful society of intelligent and refined citizens, living under the good influence of Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches; an excellent system of public schools is educating the rising generation. The wealth of the county is shown in its two banks, with \$40,000 capital and deposits amounting to over \$110,000. The good fellowship of the community shows itself in the following societies: Odd-Fellows, Masons, A. O. U. W. and K. P., which have their lodges in the city averaging a good attendance. Anything that can be bought anywhere can be obtained in its many well stocked stores. The industry and push of its people is shown in its well worked mills. To one with push and capital a fine business opening is offered for any wooden manufactory, as the railroad rates are very cheap near and about Warsaw. In addition to the railroad towns are the following desirable home places: Fairfield, Edward, Ft. Lyon and Polo Pinto.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Benton county has 439,426 acres assessed at \$2,037,865; her town lots are assessed at \$140,065; personal property, \$1,056,907; total assessed value of property, \$3,234,837; assessed values are 38.20 per cent of real values, hence actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,468,159.

Benton county personal property consists mainly of—

8,618 horses, assessed at \$20.44 per head; total.....	\$176,206
2,591 mules, assessed at \$21.35 per head; total.....	55,321
19,638 neat cattle, assessed at \$11.03 per head; total.....	216,786
7,851 sheep, assessed at \$1.00 per head; total.....	7,851
23,314 hogs, assessed at \$1.77 per head; total.....	41,421
Money, bonds and notes.....	343,018
Schools in 1894.....	94
Teachers.....	102
Pupils.....	4,949
Amount spent on schools.....	\$21,210.77
Permanent school fund.....	15,562.50

## BOLLINGER COUNTY.

Population, 14,116.

**Southeast Missouri.** Traversed by St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern; 50 miles to Poplar Bluff; 100 miles from St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Northern part hilly, with sufficient gravel to require little or no drainage in cultivated parts; southern parts level with some swamps. In and about the creek bottoms the land is of a rich quality and very productive; kaolin is found in large quantities; sand, limestone for building purposes is also very abundant; some indications of iron and lead, but as yet undeveloped.

**WATER**—Many springs; good cisterns and wells throughout the county; three streams flow over beds of gravel and have clean, pure water.

**ROADS**—Sufficient in number for all requirements, but could be in better condition; three days poll-tax.

**TIMBER**—Fine growth of hickory, oak, walnut and ash. Large quantities are made into staves and spokes.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$15 to \$30 per acre; timber land, about \$3 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—White, ample supply; \$12 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn, time of growth, from April to October, yielding about 30 bushels per acre; last year average price, 20 cents per bushel; for five years past, 35 cents. Wheat, oats, rye and barley are also raised to advantage. Fruits and vegetables, clover and grasses also thrive.

**CATTLE**—A good assortment of Jerseys, a few beef cattle are raised. The common breed of hogs and sheep are also raised.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894.

Cattle, head .....	567	Eggs, dozen.....	320,280
Hogs, head .....	2,080	Poultry, pounds .....	541,880
Sheep, head .....	720	Feathers, pounds .....	976
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	14	Hides, pounds.....	20,598
Wheat, bushels .....	10,800	Cross ties .....	27,200
Seed, bushels.....	600	Cooperage, cars .....	33
Onions, bushels.....	45	Piling, feet .....	14,000
Dried fruit, pounds .....	4,741	Lumber, feet.....	18,000
Game, pounds.....	4,402	Stone, cars .....	3
Dressed meat, pounds .....	1,254	Fire clay, cars .....	4
Butter, pounds.....	300	Strawberries, crates..	3,756

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 14,616. Largely Americans. Many from North Carolina and Tennessee. Some Dutch and Germans in the northern part. Many Protestant and Catholic churches throughout the county. Some 75 county schools, lodges of Masons, Odd-Fellows and United Workmen.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good; land cheap. The resources of the county are many and very desirable to homeseekers; those with capital can find numerous opportunities for investment. Throughout the county are many thriving towns, among them Marble Hill, the **county seat**.

**MARBLE HILL**—The county seat is beautifully situated on an elevation commanding a fine view of the surrounding country, and about one mile from the railroad. What it lacks in number of inhabitants it makes up in quality. Its citizens are hospitable, cultured and refined. There is no more delightful place for a home in Missouri than beautiful Marble Hill. Its stores are well stocked for the purchase of all goods. Churches and schools look after the morals and intellectual well-being of the people. For homeseekers and those with capital to invest, Marble Hill can afford many advantages and opportunities.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Bollinger county has 358,459 acres assessed at \$1,262,827. Her town lots are assessed at \$104,095. Personal property at \$679,345. Total assessed value of property, \$2,046,267. Assessed values are 64.33 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,180,890.

Bollinger county's personal property consists mainly of—

5,247 horses, assessed at \$24.68 per head ; total .....	\$129,515
1,944 mules, " 26.01 " " ..... 50,570	50,570
11,179 neat cattle, " 6.39 " " ..... 71,490	71,490
11,449 sheep, " 1.08 " " ..... 12,390	12,390
23,070 hogs, " 1.51 " " ..... 34,980	34,980
Money, notes and bonds..... 209,940	209,940
Schools in 1894..... 77	77
Teachers..... 79	79
Pupils .....	4,200
Amount spent on schools..... \$15,317.51	\$15,317.51
Permanent school fund..... 39,272.86	39,272.86

## BOONE COUNTY.

Population, 26,353.

Central Missouri; bordering the northern bank of the Missouri; traversed by C. & A., Wabash and M., K. & T. railroads; 25 miles northwest of Jefferson City; 150 miles west of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Over one-third of the county is of a rich rolling prairie of a light loam, very productive. The balance of the county is well wooded. Coal is found in quantities and extensively mined. Clay for brick and stone for building purposes are found in abundance. The veins of lead in the southern part of the county are not yet developed.

**WATER**—The Missouri river runs along the southern line and Hinkston, Cedar and Rocker creeks flow through the county. Many springs, wells and cisterns make the water supply first class.

**ROADS**—Dirt and gravel, in excellent condition; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation; poll-tax, 4 days' work.

**TIMBER**—Walnut, hickory and ash sufficient for home use. None shipped.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 to \$3 per cord. Coal, \$2 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farming, \$20 to \$50 per acre. Timber land, \$5 to \$15 per acre.

**FAIRM LABOR**—Ample supply; \$10 to \$15 per month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, five months; yielding from 30 bushels to 50 bushels per acre; sold last year from 20 cents to 25 cents per bushel; average price for five years past, 35 cents per bushel. Large numbers of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and marketed each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	12,255	Wool, pounds .....	69,753
Horses and mules, head .....	2,402	Game, pounds.....	370
Hogs, head .....	48,572	Tallow, pounds.....	25,845
Sheep, head .....	9,846	Butter, pounds .....	12,070
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	14	Eggs, dozen .....	124,200
Wheat, bushels .....	89,637	Poultry, pounds .....	506,892
Corn, bushels .....	7,617	Feathers, pounds.....	16,695
Oats, bushels .....	15,825	Hides, pounds .....	222,236
Mixed grain, bushels.....	1,800	Junk, pounds .....	36,000
Flax, pounds.....	8,000	Coal, tons.....	220
Seed, bushels .....	2,645	Cooperage, cars .....	272
Apples, bushels.....	5,067	Cross ties .....	108,000
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	19,340	Lumber, feet.....	1,296,000
Dried fruit, pounds .....	11,759		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 26,353; largely American stock; remainder mostly Germans; churches of all denominations; 126 county schools and many fraternal organizations.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES** — Good healthy climate; no extremes. Small fruit and vegetables raised in abundance for canning; land rich and cheap; best inducements for homeseekers. The people throughout the county are thrifty, intelligent and invite immigration. There are a large number of growing towns, among them Columbia, the county seat.

**COLUMBIA**—The county seat is beautifully situated on the Wabash railroad with a population of 5000. Fine system of water works, well-graded streets, brilliantly lighted with gas and electricity and fine sidewalks of granitoid and brick.

**TAXES**—Town, 50 cents; county, 30 cents; school, 50 cents, and State, 25.

**ADVANTAGES**—Columbia, with its well-known universities and colleges and many beautiful churches, is justly known as the "Athens of Missouri." The State has expended hundreds of thousands of dollars on the State University buildings at Columbia and nowhere in America are there superior educational facilities, handsomer grounds and edifices and pleasanter and purer homes than are found in the beautiful city of Columbia. It has lodges of all fraternal societies, a large number of stores well stocked with all varieties of goods, three banks, capital, \$220,000, with deposits amounting to \$600,000. Wagon, broom and mantle factories and a large flour mill.

**FINE BUSINESS OPENING** for any factory, especially furniture. In addition to railroad towns are the following "inland towns:" Ashland, Midway, Woodlandville and Hinton.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Boone county has 423,059 acres assessed at \$3,727,355. Her town lots are assessed at \$1,384,080; personal property at \$2,912,690; total assessed value of personal property, \$8,024,125; assessed values are 46.22 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$17,360,720.

Boone county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,319 horses, assessed at \$27.58 per head; total .....	\$257,130
3,733 mules, assessed at \$28.87 per head; total.....	107,785
15,622 neat cattle, assessed at \$15.22 per head; total.....	237,810
7,215 sheep, assessed at \$1.97 per head; total.....	14,260
20,577 hogs, assessed at \$2.84 per head; total .....	58,455
Money, notes and bonds.....	1,336,555
Schools in 1894 .....	126
Teachers .....	165
Pupils.....	8,049
Amount spent on schools .....	\$58,153.80
Permanent school fund .....	33,131.64

## BUCHANAN COUNTY.

Population, 80,254.

**Northwest Missouri**; bordering the Missouri river; traversed by O., R. I. & P., K. C., St. Joe & C. B. and Q. & G. W., A. T., & S. F., H. & St. Joe and C. B. & Q.; 50 miles north of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Black rich loam, very productive. Rolling prairie. The western border of county is bounded by the Missouri river; the bottom lands along this river are very rich. Fine quantity of clay is found for making bricks; also, limestone for building purposes.

**WATER**—Wells, springs and cisterns. Missouri river on the west. Platte, One Hundred and Two, and Black Snake creek runs through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good order. Poll tax, \$3.

**TIMBER**—Walnut, hickory and oak. Fuel—wood, \$2.50 to \$4 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$25 to \$75. Timber land, from \$9 to \$30 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply sufficient. Wages \$20 per month with board

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; grown in about five months, averaging from 60 to 70 bushels per acre; sold last year for about 25 cents per bushel; average for the five previous years, about 35 cents per bushel. Owing to the unusual railroad facilities of Buchanan county, crops can be marketed to the very best advantage. Cattle, hogs, sheep and large apple crops add to the wealth of the county.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,377	Ship-stuff, pounds.....	72,900
Horses and mules, head.....	240	Seed, bushels.....	264
Hogs, head .....	14,720	Apples, barrels .....	30,482
Sheep, head .....	453	Small fruits, crates and baskets....	949
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	5	Vegetables, pounds .....	609,370
Wheat, bushels .....	213,133	Dried fruit, pounds.....	27,525
Corn, bushels.....	58,510	Butter, pounds.....	1,031
Oats, bushels.....	1,400	Eggs, dozen .....	14,460
Mixed grain, bushels.....	5,740	Poultry, pounds .....	29,107
Flour, barrels .....	17,400	Wood, cords.....	525
Hay, bales .....	1,450	Logs, feet.....	5,000
Corn meal, pounds .....	4,150	Lumber, feet ... ..	1,791,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 80,254; mostly American; many churches of different denominations; fine private and good system of public schools with many lodges of the different fraternal organizations.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good and healthy; land productive for raising all grains, fruits and vegetables natural to this part of the country; crops easily marketed; land cheap in proportion to its fertility. The large cities of Atchison, Kansas City and St. Joseph are within a radius of 50 miles. There are numerous other smaller towns throughout the county, all desirable places for homeseekers. The county seat is St. Joseph.

**ST. JOSEPH**—With its 60,000 inhabitants, beautifully situated on the Missouri river; with its matchless railroad facilities, many blocks of magnificent business houses, well paved streets and fine sidewalks, miles of electric street railway, inexhaustible water supply from the Missouri river, brilliantly lighted by gas and electricity, with its well-known jobbing and manufacturing interest, and surrounded by many "inland" towns, can justly claim to be one of the most beautiful, progressive and flourishing cities in the Mississippi valley.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Buchanan county has 245,380 acres assessed at \$4,637,520; her town lots are assessed at \$16,067,190; personal property assessed at \$6,526,984; total value of property assessed at \$27,231,694; assessed values are 41.37 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$65,824,737.

Buchanan county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,949 horses, assessed at \$24.00 per head; total.....	\$238,905
2,887 mules,     "    27.88     "     " .....	80,515
14,275 neat cattle,     "    12.47     "     " .....	178,090
1,380 sheep,     "    1.43     "     " .....	1,985
19,813 hogs,     "    2.43     "     " .....	48,220
Money, notes and bonds.....	2,711,530
Schools in 1894.....	77
Teachers.....	266
Pupils.....	11,483
Amount spent on schools.....	\$386,417.18
Permanent school fund.....	84,142.95

## BUTLER COUNTY.

Population, 11,940.

Southeast Missouri; on Arkansas state line. Traversed by St. Louis, I. M. & S. and Cairo, Fulton and Texas R. R.; 130 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Parts are of a rolling rich prairie, light sandy loam, very productive. The swamps can be redeemed at very little cost. Ready sale for the timber. The cleared land is rich and fertile. Clay for brick, kaolin for pottery; also limestone for building is found. There are deposits of lead and traces of gold and silver, but not developed.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs. St. Francois and Black rivers run through the county, besides many creeks of pure, clear water.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order. Road tax, 5 cents on \$100 valuation

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, ash, gum and cyprus. Cooperage lumber is shipped in large quantities. Butler has the largest stave factory in the world.

**FUEL**—Wood, averaging about \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, from \$10 to \$50 per acre. Timber land, from \$3 to \$20 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Good, ample supply; \$15 to \$20 per month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; average growth about five months, yielding about 35 to 40 bushels per acre, averaging last year about 25 cents; for the past five years, about 40 cents a bushel. Besides corn, hay, oats, potatoes and all kinds of fruits and vegetables are raised. All the well known breeds of cattle, hogs and sheep are raised, and marketed to good advantage. Watermelons have proven to be a profitable crop.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	919	Eggs, dozen .....	1,530
Hogs, head .....	1,862	Poultry, pounds.....	60
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	3	Feathers, pounds.....	500
Wheat, bushels.....	5,400	Hides, pounds.....	3,405
Corn, bushels .....	127,400	Junk, pounds.....	11,700,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	900	Cooperage, cars .....	1,059
Cotton seed, bushels.....	1,200	Cross ties .....	1,200
Melons, cars.....	103	Piling, feet .....	1,638,000
Game, pounds .....	2,387	Lumber, cars.....	28,120,000
Dressed meat, pounds.....	9,382		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 11,910 ; American; many Protestant and Catholic churches through the county; 56 county schools; with a population of thrifty and law abiding people.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health is above the average; no extremes of weather; fine country for raising all fruits and vegetables

for canning; good land, both farming and timber, can be had at a reasonable figure. There are many first-class towns in the county, among them "the Queen of Southeast Missouri," Poplar Bluff, the county seat.

**POPLAR BLUFF**—Population, 5000. Situated on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad. Good system of water works, supplied from Black river. Well graded streets and fine sidewalks, well lighted.

**ADVANTAGES**—There has been a steady boom in real estate. The city is growing. Beautiful subdivisions have been laid out adjoining the city, containing many handsome homes and churches of different denominations. A fine system of private and public schools. A bank, capital, \$50,000. Lodges of Masons, Odd-Fellows, A. O. U. W. and K. of H. Elegant stores representing the different branches of trade, and the many progressive manufactoryes are but a few of the attractions of Poplar Bluff for homeseekers. Besides its many factories, a good business is offered for canning, furniture and carriage factories.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Butler county has 399,753 acres assessed at \$1,118,694; her town lots are assessed at \$487,889; personal property assessed at \$495,527; total value of property assessed at \$2,102,110; assessed values are 39.46 per cent of real values, hence; actual wealth of county is estimated at \$5,327,192.

Butler county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,422 horses, assessed at \$24.21 per head ; total.....	\$82,874
960 mules, assessed at \$29 93 per head ; total... .....	28,736
9,193 neat cattle, assessed at \$5.98 per head ; total.....	54,906
1,524 sheep, assessed at \$1.02 per head ; total.....	1,564
15,689 hogs, assessed at \$1.04 per head ; total.....	16,344
Money, notes and bonds.....	147,414
Schools in 1894 .....	56
Teachers .....	68
Pupils .....	3,202
Amount spent on schools.....	\$23,546.64
Permanent school fund .....	33,380.14

### CALDWELL COUNTY.

Population, 15,905.

Northwest Missouri. Traversed by Hannibal and St. Joe, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Hamilton & Kingston railways; 50 miles northeast of Kansas City, and 35 miles east of St. Joseph.

**SOIL**—Mostly rolling prairies of black loam; some timber land; some coal is found and mined to advantage; the finest clays for pot-

terry and bricks ; large quantities of limestone, good for building, and some lead and zinc.

**WATER**—Wells and cisterns ; many pure springs ; Shoal, Long and Log creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Good dirt roads, in fine order. Tax, 15 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, walnut, hickory and ash. Large shipments of walnut logs have been made.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal ; wood, \$2 per cord ; coal, \$2 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$30 to \$50 per acre ; timber land, \$10 to \$30 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Good, sufficient supply ; wages, \$15 to \$20 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn ; growth, 5 months ; average price last year 25 cents ; for the past five years, 35 cents. Hay, oats, potatoes, wheat, fruits and vegetables are abundantly raised. All the well known breeds of cattle, hogs and sheep are raised to advantage.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	18,927	Seed, bushels.....	1,432
Horses and mules, head .....	804	Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	251
Hogs, head .....	58,164	Vegetables, pounds .....	197,065
Sheep, head.....	7,110	Butter, pounds.....	51,473
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	9	Eggs, dozen .....	106,789
Corn, bushels .....	156,410	Poultry, pounds .....	319,496
Oats, bushels.....	19,200	Hides, pounds.....	79,106
Hay, bales.....	7,200	Wool, pounds .....	70,085
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	61,500	Junk, pounds.....	180,000
Flax, pounds.....	3,240	Stone, cars .....	74
Flour, barrels .....	1,546	Coal, tons.....	8,760
Apples, barrels .....	37,221	Lumber, feet .....	72,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 15,905 ; principally Americans ; many Protestant and Catholic churches, also Latter Day Saints and 80 county schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health of the county, excellent ; it has no bonded debt ; moral community of law-abiding citizens ; land cheap, considering its great productiveness ; fruits and vegetables for canning are raised in profusion ; close proximity to markets ; a number of wide-awake towns throughout the county, of which Kingston is the county seat.

**KINGSTON**—Population, 700, and terminus of Hamilton & Kingston railroad; supplied by water from many good wells and cisterns; streets and sidewalks in good condition; well lighted by lamps. Taxes, city, 25 cents; county, 40 cents; State, 25 cents; school, 40 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Kingston has five churches, a good public school and a bank with \$10,000 capital and deposits averaging \$35,000; all the well-known fraternal societies have lodges; all branches of trade are represented by well-stocked stores; coal mines, grist mill and brick plant are in flourishing condition.

**A GOOD BUSINESS OPENING** for brick plant and stone quarries is offered, owing to the large deposits of clay and stone and good shipping facilities.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Caldwell county has 272,108 acres assessed at \$2,633,970; her town lots are assessed at \$553,789; personal property assessed at \$1,647,023; total assessed value of property, \$4,834,782; assessed values are 31.02 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$15,586,015.

Caldwell county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,240 horses, assessed at \$19.52 per head; total.....	\$199,909
1,710 mules, assessed at \$20.69 per head; total.....	35,390
18,181 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.58 per head; total.....	265,157
1,524 sheep, assessed at \$1.02 per head; total.....	1,564
32,151 hogs, assessed at \$3.23 per head; total.....	104,020
Money, notes and bonds.....	636,759
School in 1894 .....	80
Teachers .....	135
Pupils.....	4,403
Amount spent on schools.....	\$33,870.98
Permanent school fund.....	48,514.75

## CALLAWAY COUNTY.

Population, 25,861.

**Central Missouri.** Bordering the Missouri river. The county seat is about 25 miles north of Jefferson City. Traversed by Chicago & Alton and M., K. & T. railroads.

**SOIL**—The land near the river is very fertile and produces large crops of wheat and corn. Fine deposits of clay and coal are found and extensively mined. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised, and large

shipments of each are made every year. Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	6,007	Tallow, pounds .....	922
Horses and mules, head .....	404	Butter, pounds.....	2,845
Hogs, head .....	24,097	Eggs, dozen .....	81,420
Sheep, head .....	7,030	Poultry, pounds .....	167,419
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	22	Feathers, pounds.....	2,584
Wheat, bushels .....	61,190	Hides, pounds .....	12,488
Corn, bushels .....	13,557	Junk, pounds .....	150,000
Oats, bushels.....	2,500	Fire clay, cars .....	24
Flour, barrels .....	2,645	Fire brick, cars.....	430
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	60,000	Coal, tons .....	1,840
Tobacco, pounds .....	13,815	Lime, barrels.....	150
Potatoes, bushels .....	137	Cooperage, cars .....	89
Seed, bushels.....	58	Logs, feet .....	18,000
Apples, bushels.....	684	Lumber, feet.....	200,000
Wool, pounds .....	88,044		

**ADVANTAGES**—River and railroad facilities for marketing crops first class. Land very productive and cheap. People energetic and honest. New comers possessing capital and ability are welcome. There are a large number of flourishing railroad towns, among them the county seat, Fulton.

FULTON contains over 5000 population, the State Insane Asylum, many churches and schools, banks, stores and beautiful residences. Its streets are well graded and sidewalks in good condition. People can find no more delightful place in which to reside than in Fulton.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Callaway county has 515,992 acres assessed at \$3,209,935; her town lots are assessed at \$841,980; personal property assessed at \$2,141,008; total assessed value of property, \$6,192,923. Assessed values are 37.18 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$16,656,589.

Callaway county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,833 horses, assessed at \$20.48 per head ; total.....	\$201,195
4,523 mules, assessed at \$21.20 per head ; total.....	96,015
7,690 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.02 per head ; total.....	230,400
17,076 sheep, assessed at 98 cents per head ; total.....	16,767
25,799 hogs, assessed at \$2.75 per head ; total.....	70,991
Money, notes and bonds .....	1,000,123
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	131
Number of teachers.....	146
Number of pupils.....	5,923
Amount spent for school .....	\$44,658.37
Permanent school fund .....	17,205.52

## CAMDEN COUNTY.

Population, 11,427.

Central Missouri; 50 miles south of Jefferson City. Traversed by Osage, Little and Big Niangua rivers and Dry Anglais creek.

**SOIL**—Much of the soil is adapted to raising tobacco. Wheat, in time, may become an important industry in the county; in 1894 some 1200 bushels were shipped in addition to home consumption. Shipments of cattle, sheep and hogs are made each season.

**WATER**—Missouri's wildest and most picturesque scenery is in Camden county. The wonderful spring, Linn Creek, one of the largest in the United States, gushes forth through the hillside in such column that a large lake is formed in the immediate vicinity, which is one of the many natural attractions found in the county. No place in Missouri is so perfectly fitted by nature for an ideal summer resort than is that portion of Camden county in the neighborhood of Ha-Ha-Tonka, the Indian name given the picturesque village on the height overlooking Linn Creek springs.

The following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	187	Dressed meat, pounds.....	100
Hogs, head.....	1,440	Game, pounds .....	26,290
Sheep, head.....	360	Poultry, pounds .....	39,910
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	58	Butter, pounds .....	275
Wheat, bushel .....	1,200	Eggs, dozen.....	37,710
Tobacco, pounds .....	1,765	Feathers, pounds.....	555
Wool, pounds .....	494	Cross ties .....	.200
Hides, pounds .....	1,857		

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good farm land can be bought at a reasonable figure. The climate is of an even temperature. Small fruits and vegetables yield abundantly. Immigration is invited. Capital can find many opportunities. Speedy and large returns promised. Linn Creek, situated in the center of the county, is the seat of justice. It is reached from Jefferson City via Bagnell, on the Missouri Pacific railroad. There is a projected branch of the Missouri Pacific from Bagnell to Lebanon on the 'Frisco via Linn Creek, which will open up the wonderful resources and scenery of the county, and with capital, beautiful Camden county may become an El Dorado of Missouri.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Camden county has 308,082 acres assessed at \$734,882; her town lots are assessed at \$29,886; personal property assessed at \$385,162; total assessed value of property, \$1,149,910; assessed values are 30.48 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,772,670.

Camden county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,932 horses, assessed at \$17.10 per head; total.....	\$84,686
1,468 mules, assessed at \$19.23 per head; total.....	28,224
10,783 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.97 per head; total .....	85,951
23,240 sheep, assessed at \$1.25 per head; total.....	29,087
18,904 hogs, assessed at \$1.28 per head; total .....	24,123
Money, notes and bonds .....	59,111
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	73
Number of teachers .....	69
Number of pupils .....	2,923
Amount spent for schools .....	\$11,155.67
Permanent School fund .....	17,683.76

### CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY.

Population, 22,591.

Southeast Missouri; traversed by St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern and St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Ft. Smith railroads. Some 100 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Southern part mostly level, with some swamp lands; northern part somewhat broken; the bottom land near the rivers is rich and very productive; fine quality of clay for paint and chalk; lime, sandstone and marble are found, also some iron and lead.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs. The Mississippi river is its eastern boundary line; Apple creek bounds it on the north and White-water creek and its forks run through the county from south to north.

**ROADS**—Mostly dirt; many fine gravel roads; road tax, 20 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—White and black oak, poplar, ash, gum and hickory.

**FUEL**—Wood, average price, \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$20 to \$50 per acre; timber land, \$5 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, equal to demand; \$10 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Wheat; ripens in June; yield per acre, 25 bushels; average selling price last year, 58 cents per bushel; for five

years past, about 90 cents per bushel ; bulk of crop grown about five miles from market.

**CORN**—Average about 35 bushels to an acre. Oats, clover, timothy, German millet, fruits, potatoes and vegetables grow abundantly.

**CATTLE**—All the well known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised profitably.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	1,742	Tallow, pounds.....	1,148
Horses and mules, head .....	37	Dressed meat, pounds .....	43,205
Hogs, head .....	8,782	Butter, pounds .....	20,879
Sheep, head.....	1,901	Eggs, dozen .....	190,650
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	11	Poultry, pounds .....	167,057
Wheat, bushels .....	119,725	Feathers, pounds .....	3,935
Corn, bushels .....	7,575	Hides, pounds.....	13,281
Flour, barrels.....	219,963	Paint clay, barrels.....	310
Corn meal, pounds .....	42,660	Fire brick, cars .....	53
Hay, bales.....	360	Fire clay, cars.....	15
Potatoes, bushels.....	468	Lime, barrels.....	397,650
Seed, bushels....	1,542	Wood, cords.....	825
Bran, pounds .....	305,650	Cooperage, cars .....	99
Dried fruit, pounds. ....	12,340	Cross ties .....	6,600
Wool, pounds .....	14,360	Lumber, feet.....	272,000
Game, pounds. ....	2,770		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 22,591; equally divided between Germans and Americans ; 75 county churches of various denominations ; 87 county schools. Lodges of Grangers and Farmer's Unions exist throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES** — Climate of even temperature. Small fruits and vegetables for canning are raised in profusion throughout the county. In proportion to fertility the land is very cheap. Inhabitants hospitable and refined ; many thriving towns throughout the county, all desirable locations for homes ; among them is the substantial county seat, Jackson.

**JACKSON**—With its 1200 people, is most beautifully situated on a branch of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad. It is surrounded with a rich, undulating country ; many fine farms ; well-made pike roads, in perfect order. Its citizens are wide-awake, full of push and hospitable.

**CAPE GIRARDEAU**—With its 5000 inhabitants, is the largest town in the county. Its intelligence is shown in its perfect public school

system, and its wealth in its four prosperous banks. The city is well laid out; broad streets, in good condition; sidewalks of wood and brick; streets lighted by electricity. All the fabrics of the East can be obtained in its many well-stocked wholesale and retail stores. Capital and push can find a fine business opening in many industries, both jobbing and manufacturing. It has two large flour mills; hundreds of thousands of barrels of fine flour are annually sent to Southern markets. It ranks first in the manufacturing of lime. It is the most important Mississippi port between St. Louis and the mouth of the Ohio river.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Cape Girardeau county has 356,071 acres assessed at \$2,352,960. Her town lots are assessed at \$938,520. Personal property assessed at \$1,495,420. Total value of property assessed at \$4,786,900. Assessed values are 33.74 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,187,611.

Cape Girardeau county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,154 horses, assessed at \$24.17 per head ; total.	.....	\$148,800
2,617 mules, " 23.96 "	" .....	62,705
9,580 neat cattle, " 8 24 "	" .....	79,015
9,069 sheep, " .86 "	" .....	7,841
29,338 hogs, " 1 98 "	" .....	58,165
Money, notes and bonds.....	.....	718,865
Schools in 1894.....	.....	87
Teachers .....	.....	106
Pupils .....	.....	4,693
Amount spent on schools.....	.....	\$44,722.93
Permanent school fund.....	.....	37,194 26

### CARROLL COUNTY.

Population, 26,976.

On the northern bank of the Missouri, some 60 miles east of Kansas City. Wabash, A., Top. and Santa Fe, Burlington & Quincy R'y's afford ample market facilities.

**SOIL**—Northern part of county is rolling prairie; timber land along its numerous water courses; southern part level and bottom land; soil very productive.

**PRINCIPAL CROP** is corn; over 90 per cent of crop is fed to stock; next comes wheat and oats; apples are raised extensively. Carroll is among the few counties that raise tobacco for the market;

stock-raising seems to be very profitable. In 1894 Carroll county marketed the following surplus :

Cattle, head .....	34,808	Potatoes, bushels.....	8,619
Horses and mules, head.....	1,260	Onions, bushels. ....	1,800
Hogs, head .....	70,666	Dried fruit, pounds.....	127,760
Sheep, head .....	2,840	Small fruit, crates and baskets .....	878
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	22	Tobacco, pounds .....	247,000
Wheat, bushels.....	484,800	Wool, pounds .....	29,100
Corn, bushels .....	404,960	Hides, pounds.....	202,784
Oats, bushels.....	66,400	Tallow, pounds .....	32,900
Hay, bales .....	2,700	Butter, pounds.....	42,258
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	509,000	Eggs, dozen .....	285,560
Corn meal, pounds .....	750	Poultry, pounds.....	1,126,976
Flour, barrels .....	28,483	Lumber, feet .....	428,000
Seed, bushels.....	1,001	Logs, feet.....	125,000
Apples, bushels .....	183,446		

CARROLLTON, with over 4500 inhabitants, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Wabash, A., T. & S. F. railroads is the county seat. It has wide, clean streets, lighted by electricity ; a great number of stores, fine churches, schools and four banks. Surrounded by a rich farming country ; the town does a prosperous and lucrative retail business.

FACTS AND FIGURES—Carroll county has 436,216 acres assessed at \$4,180,730 ; her town lots are assessed at \$948,642 ; personal property assessed at \$2,719,443 ; total assessed value of property, \$7,848,815. Assessed value are 31.34 per cent of real value ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$25,044,081.

Carroll county's personal property consists mainly of—

14,300 horses, assessed at \$16.83 per head ; total.....	\$240,756
5,429 mules, assessed at \$23.05 per head ; total.....	125,157
22,627 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.99 per head ; total.....	316,703
7,303 sheep, assessed at \$1.12 per head ; total.....	8,185
45,182 hogs, assessed at \$2.44 per head ; total.....	110,614
Money, notes and bonds .....	910,101
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	127
Number of teachers.....	194
Number of pupils.....	7,402
Amount spent for school.....	\$65,592.21
Permanent school fund.....	62,730.69

## CARTER COUNTY.

Population, 7614

Southeast Missouri. Traversed by St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Scott and Current River railroads; 120 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—In and about the Ozark Mountains the soil is rocky and not very productive; well covered with a fine growth of timber; in the valleys and bottom lands about the creeks the land is a black, sandy loam, good for general farming and stock-raising; some clay for bricks is found, but used for home consumption only; lead, copper, zinc, iron and some indications of silver, but none of these metals are mined.

**WATER**—Springs and wells, slightly alkali; many cisterns; Current river and its tributaries run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; tax, 5 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Pine, oak and walnut; large quantities of pine lumber, oak and walnut logs are shipped each year.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1.50 to \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$10 to \$15; timber land, \$3 to \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, scarce; wages, from \$13 to \$16 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; five months' growth; yield per acre, 35 bushels; last year's price, 20 cents; average for five years previous, 45 cents per bushel. Other grains: wheat, hay, timothy, clover; fruits and vegetables are grown with handsome profits. All the well-known breeds of cattle, hogs and sheep are raised for home consumption, but few marketed.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	270	Eggs, dozen .....	1,080
Horses and mules, head .....	20	Poultry, pounds ...	150
Hogs, head .....	320	Stone, cars .....	109
Corn, bushels.....	1,300	Wood, cords.....	119
Flour, barrels.. ..	600	Cross ties.....	8,000
Hay, bales.....	540	Logs, feet.....	22,840,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	450	Lumber, feet.....	21,260,000
Game, pounds .. ..	6,297		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 7614. Mostly American; a few Germans; 25 county churches; 26 county schools; honest and intelligent people who invite immigration.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good and healthy ; land, fine for stock-raising ; good county for fruits and vegetables ; good timber land ; pine and oak lumber shipped in large quantities ; advantages are many, in fact, Carter county is a “ *Good Poor Man’s County.* ” Among a number of towns is the thriving county seat, Van Buren.

**VAN BUREN**—Population, 165 ; situated on the branch of the K. C., Ft. Scott & Memphis railroad ; Van Buren is growing rapidly ; its citizens are hospitable and law abiding ; churches of different denominations and a fine public school indicate their moral and intellectual tendencies. There are a number of stores well stocked with goods. Masons have their lodge in the city. A rare opportunity is afforded for establishing a canning factory, owing to the fine crops of fruits and vegetables raised throughout the county. A range from seven to nine months each year offers decided advantages to stock raisers.

**GRANDIN**—The terminus of the Current river railway is the largest town in the county, with 750 prosperous and industrious inhabitants.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Carter county has 317,518 acres assessed at \$834,343 ; her town lots are assessed at \$20,321 ; personal property assessed at \$388,674 ; total assessed value of property, \$1,243,338. Assessed values are 67.44 per cent of real value ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$1,843,620.

Carter county’s personal property consists mainly of—

1,092 horses, assessed at \$33.48 per head ; total.....	\$36,566
688 mules,       “       44.19       “       “ .....	30,404
4,068 neat cattle,       “       7.13       “       “ .....	29,028
5,358 sheep,       “       97       “       “ .....	5,240
5,727 hogs,       “       1.50       “       “ .....	8,591
Money, notes and bonds.....	49,402
Schools in 1894.....	26
Teachers.....	36
Pupils.....	1,296
Amount spent on schools.....	\$9,394 18
Permanent school fund.....	1,595.55

## CASS COUNTY.

Population, 22,736.

Central Western border of State. Traversed by Missouri Pacific, M., K. & T., K. C., Osceola & Southern, K. C., Pittsburg & Southern, K. C., Clinton & Springfield and others ; some 25 miles south of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Gently rolling, well-drained prairie, consisting of black loam, very productive, in high state of cultivation, which comprises about four-fifths of county; along the streams the soil is rocky and timbered; fine veins of coal in southeast part of county are opened; good clay for brick; also fine aluminum clay, but not worked; lime and sandstone are also found.

**WATER**—Many springs and cisterns and a number of mineral wells. Grand river and its tributaries flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Good dirt roads, in fair order; well bridged.

**TIMBER**—Oak, walnut, hickory, ash and cherry; not much marketed.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2.50 per cord; coal, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farming, from \$30 to \$60 per acre; timber, from \$12 to \$30 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient for demand. From \$14 to \$18 per month with board. Without board, \$22 to \$25 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn. Time of growth, April to October. Average yield per acre, 35 to 50 bushels; price last year averaged 19 cents per bushel; average price for five previous years, 32 cents per bushel. Wheat, oats, flax, timothy, clover millet and apples are produced abundantly.

**CATTLE**—Jersey and Holstein are the principal breeds. Sheep and all breeds of hogs are raised and extensively shipped.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	20,087	Onions, bushels. ....	325
Horses and mules, head .....	664	Seed, bushels.....	36,480
Hogs, head .....	70,575	Tobacco, pounds.....	190
Sheep, head .....	4,500	Canned goods, pounds.....	18,135
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	114	Wool, pounds .....	17,262
Wheat, bushels .....	187,800	Game, pounds .....	10,551
Corn, bushels .....	508,200	Tallow, pounds .....	7,240
Oats, bushels.....	132,000	Butter, pounds .....	85,008
Mixed grain, bushels.....	2,100	Eggs, dozen.....	872,037
Flour, barrels.....	10,967	Poultry, pounds .....	1,081,816
Corn meal, pounds.....	1,800	Hides, pounds.....	65,062
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	25,880	Junk, pounds.....	60,000
Flax, pounds.....	3,630,000	Fire clay, cars.....	51
Hay, bales .....	87,120	Logs, feet.....	42,000
Apples, bushels.....	28,071	Lumber, feet.....	90,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	22,719	Small fruits, crates and baskets....	8,064

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 23,736; mostly American; few English and Germans. Many churches of different denomination; 133 county schools. The people invite immigration, and in consequence a large number of farmers are seeking homes in this county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good. Health, excellent. Land, cheap in proportion to advantages. Railroad facilities, tip-top. Small fruits, vegetables and berries, especially apples for canning grow in profusion. Among a number of flourishing towns is Harrisonville, the county seat.

**HARRISONVILLE**—Population, 2500; situated on Missouri Pacific, M., K. & T., K. C. & O. & S. and K. C., & S. Good water supply from wells and cisterns. Streets in good order; some macadamized. Side-walks of concrete, brick and wood. Streets well lighted by electricity and lamps. City taxes, 50 cents; county, 40 cents; school, 46 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Nine churches of different denominations. Good public school. Two banks, aggregate capital, \$55,000; deposits, \$250,000. Lodges: Masons, Odd-Fellows, Knights of Pythias and others. Different branches of trade are represented in 36 well stocked stores. Flour mill, machine shop, bicycle and cigar factories are in a flourishing condition.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING** for canning and flax twine factories. Any manufacturing business would pay, owing to unexcelled railroad facilities.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Cass county has 443,000 acres assessed at \$4,248,267; her town lots are assessed at \$919,958; personal property assessed at \$2,010,115; total assessed property, \$7,178,340. Assessed values are 33.46 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$21,453,496.

Cass county's personal property consists mainly of—

15,332 horses, assessed at \$20.51 per head ; total.....	\$314,582
3,307 mules, assessed at \$22 26 per head ; total.....	73,621
24,064 neat cattle, at \$13.46 per head ; total.....	324,121
958 sheep, assessed at 78 cents per head ; total.....	754
46,538 hogs, assessed at \$3.28 per head ; total.....	152,785
Money, notes and bonds.....	529 052
Schools in 1894.....	133
Teachers .....	202
Pupils.....	6,720
Amount spent on schools.....	\$74,411 43
Permanent school fund.....	81,633 54

## CEDAR COUNTY.

Population, 18,055.

**Southwest Missouri; 110 miles south of Kansas City; 40 miles northwest of Springfield.**

**SOIL**—Eastern portion, broken and timbered. West part, level and prairie. Soil, sandy clay and loam, very productive. Coal underlies portion of this county to an extent yet unknown; a sufficient amount for home consumption has been mined for several years. Fine clay of superior quality; lime and sandstone of excellent quality; also lead, zinc and iron are found, but undeveloped.

**WATER**—Springs, wells and cisterns. Big and Little Sac rivers, Horse, Bear, Cedar, Turkey and Alder creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads, in good condition. Poll-tax, \$3.

**TIMBER**—Plenty of oak, hickory and sycamore. Some walnut. Only walnut logs are marketed.

**FUEL**—Coal and wood. Coal, \$2.50 per ton; wood, \$1.25 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$15 to \$25 per acre; timber land, \$5 to \$10.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, ample; condition, good; wages, \$13 to \$17 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, four to five months; yield per acre, 25 bushels. None marketed, all fed to stock.

**COST OF PRODUCTION**—10 cents per bushel; average selling price last year, 20 cents per bushel; average selling price for five years past, 30 cents per bushel. Crop valued at about \$500,000. Other products—Corn, wheat, oats and hay are raised to advantage. About two-fifths of the cultivated acreage is corn, one-fifth in wheat, one-fifth in oats and the balance in hay. A few dairy cattle and sheep. About 20,000 beef cattle were marketed in 1895; 5000 hogs raised and marketed in same year.

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 18,055. Principally native born Americans. Some Germans and a very few of other nationalities. Many flourishing churches and schools are scattered throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—People refined and hospitable. Health, good. Schools and churches numerous. Land, cheap and productive.

Markets, convenient. Water, supply abundant. There are a number of thriving and growing towns, among which are Filley, Cedar Springs, Omer, Pleasant View and Eldorado Springs. The county seat is Stockton.

STOCKTON—Population, 600. Supplied with water from springs, cisterns and wells. A number of well-stocked stores. Streets in good order; sidewalks of plank and stone; lighted by lamps. Taxes, State, 25 cents; county, 50 cents; school, 60 cents; city, 20 cents. Stockton has two beautiful churches, a fine public school, two flourishing banks, aggregate capital, \$35,000, deposits, \$130,000, and a flouring mill. The principal fraternal organizations are represented.

FACTS AND FIGURES—Cedar county has 315,454 acres assessed at \$2,117,044; her town lots are assessed at \$391,664; personal property assessed at \$1,188,599; total assessed value of property, \$3,697,307. Assessed values are 52.55 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$7,035,788.

Cedar county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,707 horses, assessed at \$20.97 per head; total.....	\$203,560
2,755 mules, assessed at \$24.06 per head; total.....	66,271
13,512 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.13 per head; total.....	177,470
4,620 sheep, assessed at \$1.39 per head; total.....	6,467
29,844 hogs, assessed at \$2.10 per head; total.....	62,682
Money, notes and bonds.....	313,481
Schools in 1894.....	84
Teachers.....	100
Pupils.....	4,785
Amount spent on schools.....	\$26,120.65
Permanent school fund .....	36,071.43

## CHARITON COUNTY.

Population, 26,772.

Northern Central Missouri; 70 miles from Jefferson City; traversed by Wabash, A., T. & S. Fe and C., B. & Q. railroads. Considerable coal found and mined. Fine clay for bricks and tiling is also found.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat and corn yield abundantly. Small fruits and vegetables grow in profusion. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers each year. Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	17,874	Apples, bushels.....	42,253
Horses and mules, head.....	1,102	Dried fruit, pounds .....	50,720
Hogs, head.....	47,440	Small fruit, crates and baskets...	65
Sheep, head .....	2,790	Molasses, gallons. ....	1,517
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	26	Game, pounds .....	10,928
Wheat, bushels.....	282,600	Butter, pounds .....	4,537
Corn, bushels .....	248,750	Eggs, dozen.....	102,330
Oats, bushels.....	48,200	Poultry, pounds .....	333,590
Hay, bales.....	6,300	Hides, pounds.....	26,218
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	150,000	Wool, pounds .....	9,588
Mixed grain, bushels.....	1,800	Lumber, feet.....	1,588,000
Flour, barrels.....	6,150	Logs, feet.....	36,000
Tobacco, pounds.....	1,592,595	Junk, pounds .....	120,000
Seed, bushels.....	1,546	Brick, cars .....	56
Onions, bushels.....	55,260	Tile, cars .....	11
Potatoes, bushels.....	19,134		

**FARMING**—Generally the land is very fertile and can be purchased at a low figure, considering its productiveness. Fine crops of tobacco are raised, and large amounts are shipped each year.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Railroad facilities good for moving and marketing crops. Healthy climate and good people who favor first class immigration. Keytesville, the county seat, is a prosperous and growing town.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Chariton county has 475,646 acres assessed at \$3,443,227; her town lots are \$705,009; personal property, \$1,529,329; total assessed value of property, \$5,677,565. Assessed values are 21.85 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$25,984,279.

Chariton county's personal property consists mainly of—

14,514 horses, assessed at \$17.35 per head; total.....	\$252,437
3,962 mules, assessed at \$19.48 per head; total.....	77,198
22,143 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.87 per head; total.....	245,596
4,127 sheep, assessed at \$1.09 per head; total.....	4,532
35,798 hogs, assessed at \$1.45 per head; total.....	52,061
Money, notes and bonds.....	497,431
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	149
Number of teachers.....	187
Number of pupils.....	7,764
Amount spent for school.....	\$62,791.69
Permanent school fund.....	130,771.53

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### CHRISTIAN COUNTY.

Population, 16,212.

Southwest Missouri; traversed by main line of St. Louis & San Francisco and the White river branch of the same road; 20 miles south-east of Springfield; 120 miles from Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—The black loam of the river bottoms is very productive. The higher lands, though a little rocky, are good for raising grasses of all varieties. The mean elevation of the county is about 1300 feet. Fine quality of clay for bricks and tiles, limestone for building and lead are found. Lead is mined to advantage in several places.

**WATER**—Fine springs and wells. The James fork of White river runs through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; poll-tax, \$2.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory and walnut; sycamore plentiful in river bottoms; cross-ties and furniture lumber cut for market.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, from \$15 to \$20 per acre; timber land, from \$5 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, good. Wages, from \$13 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; time of growth, from April to August; yield 30 to 50 bushels per acre; average price last year, 20 cents per bushel; average price for five previous years, 35 cents per bushel. Corn, wheat, rye, oats, timothy and clover yield good crops. Vegetables and fruits natural to this part of the country grow in profusion.

**CATTLE**—Few dairy cattle and sheep; hogs in large numbers are raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCE**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	3,699	Canned goods, pounds.....	530,000
Horses and mules, head .....	22	Wool, pounds .....	3,290
Hogs, head .....	11,840	Game, pounds. ....	27,166
Sheep, head .....	630	Butter, pounds.....	7,180
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	198	Eggs, dozen .....	135,420
Wheat, bushels .....	225,690	Poultry, pounds .....	290,498
Corn, bushels .....	1,950	Feathers, pounds.....	650
Flour, barrels.....	1,114	Hides, pounds .....	7,673
Corn meal, pounds .....	1,330	Cotton, bales.....	68
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	30,000	Stone, cars .....	12
Tobacco, pounds.....	890	Lead ore, tons .....	90
Potatoes, bushels.....	141	Zinc ore, tons.....	20
Seed, bushels .....	890	Wood, cords. ....	2,884
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	8,814	Cross ties .....	223,200
Nursery stock, pounds.....	786	Lumber, feet .....	522,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,212; 90 per cent American, balance principally German; many churches of various denominations; 70 county schools; lodges of I. O. O. F. and Masons; the people are intelligent, refined and moral; in fact, it is a Christian county in every respect.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate of an even temperature; land cheap and good; throughout the county fruit and vegetables for canning are raised; inhabitants invite immigration; there are a number of growing towns, among them the county seat, Ozark.

**OZARK**—Population, 1300; situated on a branch of St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, among the foot hills of the mountains and near the beautiful White river; good water supplied from wells and cisterns; streets in fairly good condition, with wood and stone walks, well lighted by oil lamps; tax aggregating about \$1.30 on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Ozark has churches of various Protestant denominations, a fine public school, a flourishing bank, capital, \$26,000, deposits, \$65,000; lodges of Masons, Odd-Fellows, A. O. U. W. and a number of fine brick-store buildings, at which all needful articles can be purchased.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING** for a canning factory; capital and push can find many opportunities for investment among the energetic citizens of Ozark.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Christian county has 315,712 acres assessed at \$1,454,240; her town lots are assessed at \$136,015; personal prop-

erty assessed at \$761,639; total property assessed, \$2,351,894. Assessed values are 33.80 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$6,958,266.

Christian county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,714 horses, assessed at \$23.27 per head ; total.....	\$156,274
2,141 mules, assessed at \$25.80 per head ; total.....	\$55,241
9,780 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.13 per head ; total.....	99,135
5,461 sheep, assessed at \$1.08 per head ; total.....	5,930
28,902 hogs, assessed at \$1.63 per head ; total.....	47,213
Money, notes and bonds. ....	197,935
Schools in 1894.....	70
Teachers .....	89
Pupils.....	4,762
Amount spent on schools.....	\$29,400.16
Permanent school fund.....	9,819.64

## CLARK COUNTY.

Population, 15,174.

Extreme Northeast Missouri; traversed by St. Louis, Keokuk and Northwestern (Burlington Route); Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe and Keokuk & Western railroads; 140 miles north of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Undulating prairie and level bottoms. The bottom lands are very rich and productive. The prairie soil is generally a dark rich loam, underlaid by silicious clays. In northwestern part of county coal is found. Large quantities of limestone is found along the Des Moines and Fox rivers.

**WATER**—Des Moines river on the northeast, Mississippi on the southeast, Fox and Wyaconda rivers and many creeks run through the county. Wells, cisterns and springs, principally wells for home use.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair condition. Road tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Black walnut, oak, hickory, sycamore, ash, elm; timber available for lumber about exhausted.

**FUEL**—Wood is mostly used; \$2 to \$2.50 per cord.

**FAIR LABOR**—Plentiful for supply and good; wages, from \$15 per month to \$18 per month and board.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$20 to \$30; timber land, from \$5 to \$15 per acre.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, hay, oats and wheat. Average yield per acre, corn 28 bushels on prairie land; 50 bushels in bottom land; oats, 30 bushel; wheat, 15 bushel per acre. Corn being the principal

crop can be produced at an average of about 20 cents per bushel, making it very profitable to the producer. Shipments of poultry are growing larger each year.

**CATTLE**—Best inducement for the raising of dairy cattle. Large number of beef cattle raised and shipped each year. Sheep can be raised to advantage. Hogs are one of the chief products of the county.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	5,014	Apples, bushels .....	2,250
Horses and mules, head .....	626	Vegetables, pounds.....	264,550
Hogs, head.....	21,338	Pickles, cars.....	68
Sheep, head.....	1,262	Vinegar, gallons.....	108,000
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	6	Canned goods, pounds .....	195,000
Wheat, bushels .....	65,400	Melons, cars .....	9
Corn, bushels.....	217,192	Hides, pounds.....	30,060
Oats, bushels.....	159,080	Wool, pounds.....	6,400
Rye, bushels.....	3,600	Butter, pounds .....	9,002
Hay, bales.....	22,500	Eggs, dozen.....	23,760
Ship stuff, bushels.....	120,000	Poultry, pounds.....	2,388,277
Mixed grain, bushels.....	3,500	Lumber, feet.....	450,000
Flour, barrels.....	6,600	Cooperage, cars.....	69
Seed, bushels.....	3,500	Fish, pounds.....	19,001

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 15,174 ; principally American ; two settlements of Germans ; many churches of different denominations are scattered throughout the county ; 91 county schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good ; health, excellent ; county free from miasma ; well drained. People thrifty, intelligent, refined and invite immigration. Throughout the county small fruits and vegetables for canning can be raised with profit. Among a number of thriving towns is the county seat, Kahoka.

**KAHOKA**—Population, 2000; situated on Keokuk & Western railroad ; well supplied with water from wells and cisterns. Streets in good condition ; lighted by electricity ; sidewalks of board. Taxes, town, 50 cents ; county, \$1 ; school, 40 cents ; State, 25 cents .

**ADVANTAGES**—Kahoka has eight protestant churches, two large public schools and one college, three flourishing banks, lodges of different organizations, many well stocked stores and canning and vinegar factories.

A FINE BUSINESS OPENING for a woolen mill is offered.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Clark county has 317,276 acres assessed at \$2,424,680; her town lots are assessed at \$358,890; personal property at \$832,903; total assessed value of property, \$3,616,473. Assessed values are 26.92 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$13,434,149.

Clark county's personal property consists mostly of—

10,191 horses, assessed at \$18.34 per head ; total.....	\$186,962
1,207 mules, assessed at \$19.26 per head ; total.....	23,257
12,019 neat cattle, assessed at \$15.84 per head ; total .....	184,439
4,793 sheep, assessed at \$1.08 per head ; total .....	5,207
12,349 hogs, assessed at \$2.15 per head ; total.....	26,589
Money, notes and bonds.....	245,474
Schools in 1894.....	91
Teachers .....	104
Pupils.....	3,405
Amount spent on schools.....	\$29,796.61
Permanent school fund.....	29,478.48

### CLAY COUNTY.

Population, 21,998.

Situated on the northern bank of the Missouri, immediately north of Kansas City. K. C., St. Joe & C. B., Atlantic, Wabash, Chicago, Mil. & St. P. and Hannibal & St. Joe traverse the county.

**SOIL**—Undulating prairie, with rolling and broken timber land along the Missouri and its many tributaries. Fine clay deposits.

**TIMBER** is plentiful for home consumption.

**PRINCIPAL CROP** is corn; fed almost exclusively to stock. Stock-raising is the most profitable pursuit of the farmer. Great care is given to orchards, especially apples. In 1894 Clay county marketed the following handsome surplus:

Cattle, horses and sheep, head .....	73,455	Apples, bushels .....	19,284
Horses and mules, head .....	8,480	Small fruits, crates and baskets ....	576
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	44	Potatoes, bushels.....	5,811
Wheat, bushels.....	40,200	Fish, pounds .....	14,918
Corn, oats, bushels.....	63,117	Butter, pounds.....	9,841
Flour, barrels .....	8,484	Eggs, dozen .....	225,240
Ship-stuff and hay, pounds .....	1,288,513	Poultry, pounds.....	49,061
Corn meal, pounds .....	13,775	Dressed meat, pounds.....	134,474
Fruit and vegetables, pounds.....	277,844	Building brick, cars .....	96
Melons, cars.....	4	Lumber, feet .....	764,000

**LIBERTY**, county seat; on Hannibal, St. Joe and also on Chicago, Mil. & St. P. railroads; has about 3200 inhabitants. Clean, well paved streets, several banks and stores. The town has enviable social advantages, fine churches and schools, among them a female college.

**EXCELSIOR SPRINGS**, with over 4000 inhabitants, is a new town on the Chicago, Mil. & St. P. It is famous as a watering resort. Its pure crystal waters restore health and happiness to thousands of patients annually.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Clay county has 252,419 acres assessed at \$3,147,595; her town lots are assessed at \$987,510; personal property assessed at \$1,703,700; total assessed value of property, \$5,838,805. Assessed values are 31.02 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$18,822,695.

Clay county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,219 horses, assessed at \$24.80 per head ; total.....	\$154,235
1,393 mules, assessed at \$28.18 per head ; total.....	39,260
18,581 neat cattle, assessed at \$12.86 per head ; total.....	213,280
6,497 sheep, assessed at 94 cents per head ; total.....	6,171
27,098 hogs, assessed at \$2.49 per head ; total.....	67,690
Money, notes and bonds .....	819,965
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	101
Number of teachers.....	101
Number of pupils.....	4,493
Amount spent for school.....	\$49,009.95
Permanent funds.....	22,069.49

### CLINTON COUNTY.

Population, 17,670.

Situated in Northwest Missouri, some 30 miles north of Kansas City and 24 miles east of St. Joseph. Two lines of the St. Louis, Hannibal & St. Joe railroad, the C., R. I. & P. and the A., T. & S. F. railroads afford ample railroad facilities.

**SOIL**—The soil is undulating prairie with timber land along the water courses; very productive.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, oats and wheat; corn is the main crop, and largely fed to stock; a small amount is comparatively shipped.

**STOCK**—Stock raising is the most profitable pursuit of the farmers in Clinton county.

**Market facilities are unsurpassed. In 1894 Clinton marketed the following surplus :**

Cattle, hogs and sheep, head....	112,194	Potatoes, bushels.....	1,827
Horses and mules, head.....	2,120	Molasses, gallons.....	15,287
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	3	Vegetables, pounds .....	159,600
Wheat, bushels.....	10,200	Wool, pounds .....	29,427
Corn, bushels.....	145,600	Hides, pounds .....	21,542
Oats, bushels.....	25,600	Tallow, pounds .....	10,596
Hay, bales.....	17,460	Butter, pounds.....	17,888
Flour, barrels.....	11,720	Eggs, dozen .....	291,720
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	210,700	Poultry, pounds .....	396,134
Bran and corn meal, pounds .....	73,160	Wood, cords.....	1,526
Seed, bushels.....	3,600	Lumber, feet.....	982,000
Apples, bushels.....	28,878	Cross ties.....	5,000

**PLATTSBURG**, the county seat, has 1800 inhabitants and railroad connections with the C. R. I. & P. and A. T. & S. F. railroads. It has a fine new court-house, good clean streets, electric lights, two banks and a number of stores ; fine churches, and good schools add to the social advantages of the place.

**CAMERON**—At the junction of Hannibal & St. Joe and C. R. I. & P. railroads, is a prosperous railroad town with over 3000 inhabitants. It is comparatively a new town but full of push and enterprise.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Clinton county has 265,000 acres assessed at \$3,030,925; her town lots are assessed at \$783,906; personal property assessed at \$1,972,165 ; total assessed value of property, \$5,786,996. Assessed values are 38.95 per cent of real value ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,857,499.

Clinton county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,250 horses, assessed at \$16.35 per head ; total.....	\$151,288
2,430 mules, assessed at \$18.63 per head ; total.....	45,290
24,821 neat cattle, assessed at \$15 69 per head ; total.....	389,555
5,312 sheep, assessed at \$1.35 per head ; total.....	7,210
28,101 hogs, assessed at \$2.83 per head ; .....	79,582
Money, notes and bonds.....	873,826
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	74
Number of teachers.....	115
Number of pupils.....	5,043
Amount spent for schools.....	\$47,080.87
Permanent school fund.....	23,599.33

## COLE COUNTY.

Population, 18,164.

Central Missouri; reached by the Missouri Pacific, Jefferson City, Lebanon & Southwestern, Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Chicago & Alton railroads; 123 miles west of St. Louis, and 160 miles east of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Near the larger streams the county is broken; a short distance back it is a broad even upland, rolling surface with clay subsoil predominating; sandy loam in the bottoms; on the hill sides a black limestone soil. There is some coal in the county, and a large quantity of excellent "loess" clay from which fine pressed brick can be made. There are also inexhaustible quantities of magnesian limestone; lead and zinc, though found in many places, have not been largely developed.

**WATER**—Springs and wells; the Missouri river is on the northern boundary, the Osage on the eastern, and the Moreau river and numerous creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Superior dirt and gravel roads; road tax, 20 cents on the \$100.

**TIMBER**—Oak and hickory; suitable for fuel only.

**FUEL**—Coal, \$3 per ton; wood, from \$2.50 to \$3 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$10 to \$55 per acre; timber, \$7 to \$12; other lands, \$5 to \$7.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply is good; wages average \$13.50 and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Wheat is the chief product, yielding an average of 12 bushels per acre; 450,000 bushels raised, of which about 175,000 bushels are shipped. The greater portion of the wheat product is ground into flour by the mills of the county, and shipped to southern markets. The average selling price from 1890 to 1895 was 60 cents; profit to producer during the five years is estimated at 35 cents per bushel. Total value of wheat product for Cole county, \$263,000. With its two large rivers and several railroads, the shipping facilities of this county are excellent. Cattle, sheep and hogs are of the finest breeds.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, hogs and sheep, head .....	28,459	Eggs, dozen.....	94,410
Horses and mules, head .....	800	Poultry, pounds .....	112,496
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	126	Feathers, pounds. ....	2,553
Wheat and corn, bushels ... .....	258,885	Hides, pounds .....	68,206
Flour, barrels.....	60,443	Junk, pounds .....	120,000
Bran, ship-stuff and hay, pounds..	2,532,000	Building brick, cars.. ....	22
Potatoes, bushels.....	7,680	Sand and tif, cars.....	32
Seed, bushels.....	6,000	Coal, tons .....	1,700
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	5,255	Cross ties .....	198,200
Wool, pounds .. ..	12,555	Lumber, feet.....	126,000
Dressed meat, pounds .. ..	217,735	Small fruits, crates .....	1,883
Butter, pounds .. ..	275,068		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 18,164 ; Americans and Germans, about evenly divided. There are 45 churches of all denominations and 51 public schools ; principal fraternal societies are represented.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Cole is unsurpassed in the matter of health. The soil is productive and the people are intelligent, thrifty, peaceful and law-abiding. Among other flourishing towns is Jefferson City, the county seat, and Missouri's beautiful capital.

**JEFFERSON CITY**—Population, 8325 ; on the Missouri Pacific and Jefferson City, Lebanon & Southwestern railroads and the Missouri river ; lighted by gas and electricity ; water works ; fine macadamized and gravel streets ; fine stone, brick and granite pavements. There are 103 stores, embracing all lines of business. Besides its magnificent capital and imposing department buildings, there are many elegant residences and fine hotels. County taxes, \$1.30 on \$100 valuation. Jefferson City taxes, \$2.10 on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Jefferson City has the advantage commercially and socially of being a State capital. It has 15 churches of all denominations ; three white and three colored public schools, and the Lincoln Institute, a college for colored students ; all the well known fraternal orders and labor organizations. There are 17 successful industries—shoes, saddle-tree, harness factories, etc.; one national and two State banks, with a combined capital stock of \$192,600, and deposits aggregating \$800,000. Excellent business opening for a cabinet factory. In addition to the railroad towns adjacent to the county seat, are the inland towns of Wardsville, Osage Bluff, St. Thomas, Teal, Hickory Hill, Brazito, Decatur and Marion.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Cole county has 233,886 acres assessed at \$1,398,920 ; her town lots are assessed at \$1,535,070 ; personal property assessed at \$1,237,347 ; total assessed value of property, \$4,171,-

337. Assessed values are 48.03 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,684,857.

Cole county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,054 horses, assessed at \$21.53 per head ; total.....	\$37,308
1,790 mules, assessed at \$21.63 per head ; total.....	36,940
7,899 neat cattle, assessed at \$9.83 per head ; total.....	77,711
4,488 sheep, assessed at \$1.10 per head ; total .....	4,970
18,081 hogs, assessed at \$1.67 per head ; total .....	30,294
Money, stocks and bonds assessed at.....	426,867
Number of schools in 1894.....	51
Number of teachers.....	80
Number of pupils.....	3,508
Amount spent on schools in 1894.....	\$27,291.67
Permanent school fund .....	15,324.79

### COOPER COUNTY.

Population, 23,263.

Central Missouri; 95 miles east of Kansas City. Traversed by M., K. & T. and Missouri Pacific railroads. The Missouri river forms the northern border of the county; Lamine river flows through the western part, and with the many creeks, the drainage of the entire county is perfect.

SOIL—The bottom lands are rich and fertile, producing large crops of wheat and corn. Wheat is the principal export grain; corn is mostly fed to cattle and hogs. Large shipments of cattle, sheep and hogs are made each year. Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	11,225	Nursery stock, pounds.....	1,155
Horses and mules, head .....	887	Wool, pounds .....	24,304
Hogs, head .....	52,382	Game, pounds.....	489
Sheep, head .....	5,600	Butter, pounds .....	66,174
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	83	Eggs, dozen .....	189,150
Wheat, bushels .....	491,845	Poultry, pounds.....	155,891
Corn, bushels.....	5,940	Feathers, pounds.....	576
Oats, bushels.....	6,600	Hides, pounds.....	34,936
Flour, barrels.....	18,321	Junk, pounds.....	80,000
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	740,000	Building brick, cars .....	56
Tobacco, pounds.....	13,040	Sand, cars .....	249
Potatoes, bushels.....	940	Stone, cars.....	26
Seed, bushels.....	435	Wood, cords.....	805
Apples, bushels.....	16,716	Cooperage, cars .....	22
Melons, car.....	1	Cross ties .....	5,600
ruit and vegetables, pounds.....	65,481	Lumber, feet.....	185,000

**BOONVILLE**, the county seat, is situated on the Missouri river at the junction of the Mo. Pacific and M., K. & T. railroads; it has a population of over 5000; many beautiful churches, schools, handsome residences, well-paved streets and sidewalks, electric lights and a number of well-stocked stores. Boonville has the reputation of being one of the oldest and most substantial towns in the State.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Cooper county has 348,882 acres assessed at \$3,221,478; her town lots are assessed at \$947,722; personal property assessed at \$2,285,063; total assessed value of property, \$6,454,263. Assessed value is 28.41 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$22,718,278.

Cooper county's personal property consists mainly of—

8,647 horses, assessed at \$23.19 per head; total.....	\$200,600
4,349 mules, assessed at \$28.60 per head; total.....	124,415
18,695 neat cattle, assessed at \$15.59 per head; total.....	291,560
9,593 sheep, assessed at \$1.50 per head; total.....	14,445
36,730 hogs, assessed at \$2.86 per head; total.....	104,890
Money, notes and bonds.....	904,415
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	106
Number of teachers.....	130
Number of pupils.....	5,792
Amount spent for schools.....	\$48,349.61
Permanent school fund.....	18,444.78

## CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Population, 12,690.

**Central Southeast Missouri.** Traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco and its Salem branch; 85 miles southwest of St. Louis; 60 miles southeast of Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Hilly, undulating and rolling. Along the streams the soil is very productive; the upland is excellent for fruit culture and stock-raising. Some coal is found, but not developed; also some fire-brick and paint clays have been discovered, together with limestone, granite and onyx; also lead, iron, zinc and copper. Iron and copper ores are mined and shipped extensively.

**WATER**—Cistern, spring and well water in abundance. Meramec river and many creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair condition; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Large quantities of pine, oak, walnut, maple and hickory. Railroad ties and furniture lumber are marketed.

**FUEL**—Principally wood, from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, from \$8 to \$25; timber land, \$2.75 to \$5; other land, from \$2.50 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, equal to demand; \$10 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Wheat; average time of growth, nine months, yielding on an average 15 bushels per acre; average price last year, 60 cents per bushel; bulk of crop raised within easy reach of railroad. Fruits and vegetables are raised abundantly. Best county in Southeast Missouri for stock-raising. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised to advantage.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	729	Tallow, pounds.....	1,500
Horses and mules, head.....	60	Dressed meat, pounds.....	2,798
Hogs, head.....	3,920	Butter, pounds.....	29,470
Sheep, head.....	1,710	Eggs, dozen.....	130,560
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	92	Poultry, pounds.....	225,549
Wheat, bushels.....	59,400	Feathers, pounds.....	1,383
Mixed grain, bushels.....	700	Hides, pounds.....	25,378
Flour, barrels.....	4,350	Junk, pounds.....	217,970
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	60,000	Copper ore, tons.....	20
Hay, bales.....	180	Sand, cars.....	15
Tobacco, pounds.....	200	Pig iron, cars.....	400
Potatoes, bushels.....	330	Wood, cords.....	441
Seed, bushels.....	261	Charcoal, cars.....	17
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	9,250	Cooperage, cars.....	16
Nursery stock, pounds.....	13,775	Cross ties.....	32,200
Wool, pounds.....	11,658	Lumber, feet.....	40,000
Game, pounds.....	3,228		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 12,690; American and German; 42 churches of different denominations and 79 county schools look after the moral and spiritual well being of the people.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health, good; climate of a mean temperature. Owing to perfect natural drainage no malaria exists. The inhabitants are peacable and industrious, energetic and will cordially welcome immigration. Among a number of towns is the thriving and growing **county seat**, Steelville.

**STEELVILLE**—Population, 650; situated on a branch of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. Supplied with water from cisterns, wells and springs. Streets in good condition; sidewalks of stone, plank, gravel and brick, well lighted by coal oil lamps.

**TAXES**—Town, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Not only are the people of Steelville hospitable, refined and cultured, but they also possess superior facilities for education. There is a graded school and in addition to that a normal school and business institute. Their wealth is shown in the two banks which are in a flourishing condition with deposits aggregating over \$70,000. Lodges of A. F. and A. M., A. O. U. W. and K. of P. and Modern Woodmen hold meetings which are always well attended. All the different branches of trade are represented in the many well stocked stores.

THERE IS A GOOD OPENING for canning and furniture factories; a packing house, flour mill and brick yard could successfully be operated.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Crawford county has 478,573 acres assessed at \$1,457,075; her town lots are assessed at \$167,532; personal property assessed at \$559,427; total assessed value of property, \$2,184,034. Total values are 38 50 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$5,672,815.

Crawford county's personal property consists mostly of—

3,814 horses, assessed at \$23.17 per head; total.....	\$88,379
1,970 miles, assessed at \$24 per head ; total.....	47,281
10,507 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.40 per head ; total.....	109,295
9,038 sheep, assessed at \$1.02 per head ; total.....	9,263
15,212 hogs, assessed at \$2.06 per head ; total.....	31,343
Money, notes and bonds.....	113,962
Schools in 1894.....	77
Teachers .....	81
Pupils.....	3,680
Amount spent on schools.....	\$16,163.69
Permanent school fund.....	7,213.93

## DADE COUNTY.

Population, 20,011.

Southwest Missouri; traversed by Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf and Greenfield & and Northern railroads; 130 miles south of Kansas City; 220 miles southwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Western half, rich rolling prairie; eastern half, the Sac river country, well timbered and hilly. Large fields of coal which are not worked as extensively as they should be. Clays, red or white, suitable for pottery and brick-making, also good grades of limestone; lead and zinc are mined on a small scale.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and pure springs. Sac river, Turnbach and other creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; no road tax; poll tax, four days' work.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, walnut and maple. With the exception of a small quantity of cross ties no lumber is marketed.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.25 to \$2 per cord; coal, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, from \$10 to \$40 per acre; timber, from \$5 to \$15.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient for demand; \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat and oats. Average yield per acre, corn 40 bushels, wheat 30 bushels. Corn averaged 15 cents last year and wheat 50 cents per bushel. Besides these cereals, fruits and vegetables of all varieties thrive throughout the county. Flax is a leading product, so is hay and oats. Cattle, both dairy and beef, are raised and shipped in numbers each year. Not many sheep. Hogs constitute one of the chief products of the county and are marketed in large numbers. The lime industry turns out some 50,000 barrels of lime annually.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	3,996	Eggs, dozen .....	38,520
Horses and mules, head .....	260	Poultry, pounds .....	72,145
Hogs, head .....	14,333	Hides, pounds .....	706
Wheat, bushels .....	78,000	Stone, cars .....	68
Oats, bushels.....	52,000	Zinc ore, tons .....	40
Flour, barrels.....	38,750	Coal, tons.....	500
Flax, pounds.....	1,380,000	Lime, barrels .....	54,600
Hay, bales.....	28,800	Wood, cords.....	70
Game, pounds .....	1,905	Cross ties .....	200
Butter, pounds.....	28,409		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 20,011; mostly American; some Germans; many churches of different denominations are scattered throughout the county; there are 79 county schools, and lodges of Masons, Odd-Fellows and Workmen.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Exceedingly healthy climate of an even temperature, producing all varieties of fruits and vegetables for canning; lands cheap in proportion to fertility; people honest and industrious; they are hospitable, and cordially invite those who are energetic to settle among them; the natural drainage is good; altitude high; many streams of running water; inhabitants are prosperous and contented. Among a large number of thriving towns is the wide-awake town of Greenfield, the county seat.

**GREENFIELD**—Population, 1800; situated on Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf railroads; abundantly supplied with good pure water from many springs, cisterns and wells; streets in good order and some well graveled; sidewalks of brick, stone and board; taxes—county, 40 cents; school, 50 cents; State, 25 cents, and railroad, 60 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Greenfield has seven beautiful churches of different denominations, a well-known college, and fine new public school; two banks; lodges of A. F. and A. M. and K. of P., I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W.; many good brick stores well stocked with goods; also, a corn and flour mill and furniture factory. A good business opening for a handle and spoke factory, lime kiln and canning factory. Besides, the railroad towns are the following inland towns all in a flourishing condition: Dadeville, Arcola and Seybert.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Dade county has 316,517 acres assessed at \$2,207,829; her town lots are assessed at \$275,334; personal property assessed at \$1,149,292; total assessed value of property, \$3,632,455. Total values are 35.40 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$10,261,172.

Dade county's personal property consists mainly of—

8,577 horses, assessed at \$19.50 per head; total.....	\$167,320
2,748 mules, assessed at \$24.54 per head; total.....	67,437
12,836 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.46 per head; total.....	172,874
3,691 sheep, assessed at 91 cents per head; total.....	3,389
25,722 hogs, assessed at \$2.31 per head; total.....	59,637
Money, notes and bonds.....	406,393
Schools in 1894 .....	79
Teachers .....	103
Pupils.....	5,295
Amount spent on schools.....	\$28,897.91
Permanent school fund.....	11,143.76

## DALLAS COUNTY.

Population, 14,337.

Central Southwest Missouri; 120 miles southeast of Kansas City; 150 miles southwest of St. Louis and 20 miles north of Springfield.

**SOIL**—About one-fourth of the county is a rich undulating prairie, very productive; balance along the Niangua river is hilly and timbered; timber soil is mostly a red clay and when cleared very productive; a fine quality of limestone is found; indications of lead, zinc and iron; lead is being worked with flattering prospects.

**WATER**—Many wells and springs, containing pure water. Nian-gua river and its tributaries run through the county.

**ROADS**—Good dirt roads; could be put into better condition owing to large supply of stone at little cost. Road tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—All varieties of oak, some walnut, ash and sycamore. So far timber has been cut for home consumption only.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, from \$10 to \$30 per acre; timber land, from \$2 to \$10 per acre; thousands of acres of government land subject to homestead and cash entry.

**FARM LABOR**—Condition, good; supply, sufficient for demand; wages, from \$15 to \$18 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; average time of growth, five months; yield, about 45 bushels per acre; average price last year, 20 cents; for the previous five years, 30 cents per bushel. Owing to the richness of the soil, wheat averages from 15 to 30 bushels; oats from 20 to 40 bushels; timothy, two-thirds to one ton; clover, one to two tons per acre. Small fruits and vegetables grow abundantly throughout the county. All grades of cattle sheep and hogs, are raised. The cattle industry will grow each year owing to fine pasturage.

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 14,337; mostly American. Many churches of various creeds, and 71 district schools are scattered throughout the county. All the well known fraternal orders are represented by lodges.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good, healthy climate; land, cheap and very productive. Fine opportunity for homeseekers. Inhabitants industrious, and will cordially welcome energetic immigration. No better county in the State for general farming. The stock business in a few years will become enormous. Capital and push can find many opportunities for investment in Dallas county, which gives promise of becoming the banner county of Southwest Missouri. Among a number of thriving towns is the county seat, Buffalo.

**BUFFALO**—Containing about 1200 inhabitants, is abundantly supplied with water from many wells and cisterns. Its fine broad streets are in good order; sidewalks of board, stone and brick. Total tax, about \$1.35 per \$100 valuation. Buffalo has five protestant churches, a fine public school, two banks with aggregate capital of \$45,000 and deposits of over \$100,000, many well stocked stores representing all branches of trade. Owing to fine crops of fruits and vegetables, a good business opening for a canning factory could be had.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Dallas county has 273,007 acres assessed at \$930,727; her town lots are assessed at \$108,395; personal property assessed at \$781,579; total assessed value of property, \$1,820,701. Total values are 43.70 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$4,166,363.

Dallas county's personal property consists mainly of—

7,325 horses, assessed at \$26 per head ; total .....	\$190,465
2,025 mules, assessed at \$22.81 per head ; total.....	48,201
10,910 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.05 per head ; total .....	109,685
11,461 sheep, assessed at \$1.05 per head ; total.....	12,049
24,172 hogs, assessed at \$1.45 per head ; total .....	35,234
Money, notes and bonds .....	211,629
Schools in 1894 .....	71
Teachers .....	78
Pupils .....	4,226
Amount spent on schools.....	\$14,340.44
Permanent school fund.....	22,837.10

## DAVIESS COUNTY.

Population, 21,112.

Northwest Missouri; traversed by C., R. I. & P. and Wabash railroads; 50 miles east of St. Joseph; 75 miles northeast of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Gently rolling prairie; about one-fifth of county is timbered; land about creeks and streams is rich bottom; the prairies are black loam and very productive.

**WATER**—Limestone water from springs and wells is pure and plentiful throughout the county. Grand river with its tributaries and many smaller streams flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads; in fair condition ; streams well bridged.

**TIMBER**—Oak, elm, hickory, walnut, cottonwood and maple; some firewood and railroad ties are marketed.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 per cord ; coal, \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$25 to \$50; timber land, \$20 to \$30 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Moderate supply ; condition, good ; wages, \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, April to October; average yield per acre, 30 bushels; average selling price last year, 20 cents; average selling price for five years past, 35 cents per bushel; wheat, oats, rye, grasses and all kinds of vegetables and small fruits yield abundantly. All the well known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are

raised to advantage; cattle and hogs are the principal products of the stock farms.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	13,150	Nursery stock, pounds.....	390,000
Horses and mules, head .....	987	Dried fruit, pounds.....	8,160
Hogs, head .....	33,449	Wool, pounds .....	50,820
Sheep, head .....	4,680	Game, pounds.....	590
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	12	Tallow, pounds.....	5,090
Corn, bushels.....	10,430	Cheese, pounds.....	6,200
Oats, bushels.....	4,800	Butter, pounds.....	144,940
Flour, barrels .....	3,444	Eggs, dozen .....	1,085,420
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	14,260	Poultry, pounds.....	372,764
Hay, bales .....	3,600	Feathers, pounds .....	525
Potatoes, bushels.....	597	Hides, pounds.....	104,777
Seed, bushels.....	326	Junk, pounds.....	74,340
Apples, bushels.....	4,839	Wood, cords.....	1,071
Nuts, bushels.....	20	Logs, feet.....	66,000
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	5,522	Lumber, feet.....	50,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 21,112; 90 per cent native; 10 per cent German and others. A large number of churches of different denominations and 118 county schools throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate of an even temperature; no blizzards; no extreme heat or cold; no drouths; land rich and productive; bulk of crops raised near market; railroad facilities very good; people are energetic, honest and thrifty; immigration of that class receive a hearty welcome. For a start to prosperity home-seekers can find no more advantageous country than Daviess. Among a number of growing towns is the wide-awake **county seat**, Gallatin.

**GALLATIN** — Population, 2000; situated near crossing of Rock Island and Wabash railroads; supplied by water from wells and cisterns; macadamized streets; board and stone sidewalks; lighted by gasoline. Taxes, town, 50 cents; county, 32 cents; school, 80 cents, and State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Gallatin has seven churches of different denominations, a fine public school, two banks, with aggregate capital of \$100,000, lodges of the popular fraternal organizations, a number of elegant stores well stocked with goods, and a fine opening for a furniture factory.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Daviess county has 358,183 acres assessed at \$3,565,354; her town lots are assessed at \$547,099; personal prop-

erty, \$2,019,271; total assessed value of property, \$6,131,724. Assessed values are 29.15 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$21,035,073.

Daviess county's personal property consists mainly of—

15,253 horses, assessed at \$18.83 per head ; total.....	\$287,346
2,293 mules, assessed at \$18.05 per head ; total.....	41,390
24,964 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.85 per head ; total.....	371,068
12,011 sheep, assessed at \$1.21 per head ; total.....	14,598
41,840 hogs, assessed at \$2.64 per head ; total.....	110,697
Money, notes and bonds .....	739,461
Schools in 1894.....	118
Teachers.....	140
Pupils.....	6,310
Amount spent on schools.....	\$45,188.51
Permanent school fund.....	66,587.13

### DEKALB COUNTY..

Population, 15,141.

Northeast Missouri. Traversed by Rock Island & Pacific, Hannibal & St. Joseph and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads; 60 miles north of Kansas City; 30 miles east of St. Joseph.

**SOIL**—Gently undulating in northeast and west; in south quite level; all of a rich black loam, underlaid largely with limestone; the soil throughout the county is very productive; clay in limited quantities is found for making brick; enough limestone for local use.

**WATER**—Wells and cisterns; Grindstone creek and others run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition; road tax, about 25 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Walnut, oak, hickory, elm and cottonwood. Large quantities of walnut lumber marketed annually.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$2 to 2.50 per cord; coal, \$3.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$25 to \$60 per acre; timber land, from \$10 to \$20.

**FARM LABOR**—Good condition; supply, equal to demand; wages, from \$15 to \$20 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, May to September; average price last year, 20 cents per bushel; for the previous 5 years, about 30 cents; crops are shipped to Kansas City and St. Joseph with little expense; grassses grow and yield abundantly per acre; price of hay is \$7 per ton; all fruits and vegetables natural to this climate grow profusely; the out shipments of apples are very large; all the

well-known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were raised and shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	7,786	Flour, barrels.....	5,855
Horses and mules, head .....	76	Ship-stuff, pounds.....	714,700
Hogs, head .....	35,312	Small fruits, crates and baskets.....	240
Sheep, head .....	1,283	Butter, pounds.....	132,475
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	50	Eggs, dozen .....	180,000
Corn, bushels .....	156,038	Poultry, pounds .....	139,471
Oats, bushels.....	21,000	Wool, pounds .....	8,073
Seed, bushels.. .....	1,633	Hides, pounds .....	35,047
Mixed grain, bushels.....	905	Nursery stock, pounds.....	12,000
Hay, bales.....	2,880	Lumber, feet.....	45,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	81	Logs, feet.....	15,000
Apples, bushels.....	42,036	Wood, cords.....	175

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 15,141; mostly American; about 10 per cent German; churches of different denominations; 84 county schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate good and no extremes. Land very productive and cheap. Plenty of room for first-class immigration. Soil throughout the county peculiarly adapted for raising of all fruits and vegetables for canning purposes. The inhabitants are peaceful, honest and energetic. There is no community in the State where homeseekers can find as many advantages as in DeKalb county. Among a number of towns is Maysville, the county seat.

**MAYSVILLE**—Population, 1100; situated on the Rock Island & Pacific. Fine supply of good pure water from wells, cisterns and springs. Streets in good condition; sidewalks of stone, cement and plank; lighted by oil lamps. Total taxes about \$1.80 on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Maysville has five churches, Protestant and Catholic; fraternal societies of different organizations; three flourishing banks, aggregate capital \$80,000, deposits \$580,000; many large and handsome stores of different branches of trade, well stocked with first-class goods; a large flour mill and creamery. Owing to good railroad connections a fine business opening can be had for canning and carriage factories. Besides the railroad towns is the wide awake "inland" town of Fairport, which offers many inducements to homeseekers.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—DeKalb county has 268,519 acres assessed at \$2,652,899; her town lots are assessed at \$283,189; personal property

assessed at \$1,296,163; total assessed value of property, \$4,232,251. Total values are 36.27 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$11,668,737.

DeKalb county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,331 horses, assessed at \$16.78 per head; total .....	\$156,592
1,468 mules, assessed at \$16.57 per head; total .....	24,328
19,327 neat cattle, assessed at \$12.16 per head; total .....	235,085
1,709 sheep, assessed at \$1.09 per head; total .....	1,879
28,524 hogs, assessed at \$2.85 per head; total .....	81,517
Money, notes and bonds .....	603,284
Schools in 1891 .....	84
Teachers .....	140
Pupils .....	4,455
Amount spent on schools .....	\$34,638.93
Permanent school funds .....	26,383.17

### DENT COUNTY.

Population, 12,900.

Central South Missouri. The St. Louis and Little Rock railroad and the Sligo branch of the Frisco traverse a portion of the county; 110 miles southwest of St. Louis.

SOIL—Hilly, with many large productive valleys covered with a rich sandy loam. The soil of the table lands is shallow with clay sub-soil containing enough iron for the growing of fruit, giving it a fine flavor. Clay for making brick is found; sand and limestone is quarried only for foundation work. Iron ore is very extensively worked; there are 15 mines in operation.

WATER—Cistern, well and spring water; the county is drained by the Current, Meramac, Sinking, Huzzah and Dry Fork rivers.

ROAD—Fair dirt roads; road tax, 5 cents on the \$100 valuation.

TIMBER—Oak and pine used for railroad ties and building purposes.

FUEL—Wood, \$1 per cord.

COST OF LAND—Farm land, from \$10 to \$30 per acre; timber land, from \$1 to \$5 per acre.

FARM LABOR—Supply is sufficient for the demand; wages average from \$10 to \$15 per month.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—Principal products are wheat, corn, oats, hay, apples and live-stock (cattle and hogs). Corn yields 40 bushels to the acre; oats 30 bushels, and hay 1½ to 3 tons; 100 cars of apples were shipped in 1895. The average selling price of wheat for 1895 was 55 cents per bushel, corn 30 cents and apples 60 cents per bushel.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,971	Tallow, pounds .....	2,300
Hogs, head .....	1,290	Butter, pounds .....	1,050
Sheep, head .....	3,520	Eggs, dozen .....	111,180
Mixed live-stock, cars..	161	Poultry, pounds .....	130,425
Wheat, bushels .....	28,800	Feathers, pounds .....	2,485
Flour, barrels .....	16	Hides, pounds .....	30,830
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	87,100	Junk, pounds .....	30,000
Hay, bales .....	180	Iron ore, cars, 852; Pig iron, cars, 164.	1,016
Potatoes, bushels.....	500	Charcoal, cars .....	23
Dried fruit, pounds.....	1,800	Cooperage, cars .....	2
Wool, pounds .....	54,015	Cross ties .....	93,200
Game, pounds.....	48,940	Lumber, feet .....	95,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 12,900; chiefly Americans; all the protestant religions are represented; there are 65 public schools and several fraternal orders.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Dent county has a most delightful climate, is very healthy, the soil productive, and the people as a class are sturdy and intelligent citizens. Among other flourishing towns is Salem, the **county seat**.

**SALEM**—Population, 1200; situated on the Salem branch of the Frisco railroad. Salem is well supplied with wells and cisterns, good dirt roads and granitoid, stone, brick and wood pavements. It is an energetic, wide-awake town with many stores of all kinds of trade; county and State taxes, 90 cents; town taxes, 25 cents; school taxes, 75 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Salem has seven churches, one school, Masonic, I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., Triple Alliance and Select Knights fraternal societies. The town is lighted with oil lamps. Salem has a number of profitable industries—harness and saddle manufactory, two planing mills, two distilleries, etc., two private banks with capital of \$40,000, surplus, \$15,000 and deposits \$85,000. There are many pretty homes and Dent county is unsurpassed for the opportunities it offers for homeseekers; within its boundaries homeseekers can get the best home for the least amount of money and live the best and the cheapest in its fine bracing climate.

There is an excellent business opening for a canning, window-sash and door factory. Among the adjacent towns not on railroads are Victor Mills, Lennox and Lecomia.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Dent county has 462,671 acres assessed at \$1,002,590; her town lots are assessed at \$196,663; personal property assessed at \$604,740; total assessed value of property, \$1,803,993. Assessed values are 66.80 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$2,700,588.

Dent's personal property consists mainly of—

3,849 horses, assessed at \$23.48 per head; total.....	\$90,400
1,550 mules, assessed at \$23.22 per head; total.....	35,999
11,181 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.03 per head; total.....	89,793
10,868 sheep, assessed at 98 cents per head; total.....	10,748
16,940 hogs, assessed at \$1.24 per head; total.....	21,045
Money, notes and bonds assessed at .....	200,915
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	65
Number of teachers in 1894 .....	74
Number of pupils in 1894.....	4,261
Amount expended for schools in 1894.....	\$12,686.62
Permanent school fund.....	12,965.70

## DOUGLAS COUNTY.

Population, 17,290.

South Central Missouri; 175 miles southeast of Kansas City, and same distance southwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Eastern and western parts of the county are broken; central part level; generally timbered. The soil is sandy clay and loam; the bottom lands are very rich and productive. Large quantities of fire-clay is found; also some sand and limestone. Lead and zinc have been discovered, but not developed.

**WATER**—Wells and cisterns, and a number of springs. North Fork of White river, Beaver and Bryant's creek run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair condition. Poll tax, \$4.

**TIMBER**—Abundance of oak, ash, walnut and pine.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1 to \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$10 to \$15; timber land, \$3 to \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Condition, good; supply, sufficient; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat, corn and grasses grow abundantly, and net a handsome profit to producers. All small fruits and vegetables grow to advantage. This county gives promise of becoming a fine stock country. In 1895, owing to low prices, the farmers fed almost

the entire crop of corn to stock at a handsome profit. All the common native breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised. Large shipments are made each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	2,840	Honey, pounds.....	500
Hogs, head .....	5,005	Beeswax, pounds.....	110
Sheep, head .....	2,509	Game, pounds.....	10,500
Wheat, bushels.....	15,700	Poultry, pounds.....	101,000
Corn, bushels .....	1,000	Butter, pounds.....	700
Potatoes, bushels .....	1,010	Eggs, dozen .....	56,500
Onions, pounds .....	150	Feathers, pounds.....	200
Tobacco, pounds.....	2,000	Lumber, feet.....	260,000
Wool, pounds.....	1,125	Piling, feet.....	26,000
Hides, pounds.....	1,000	Cross ties .....	5,500

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 17,290; principally American; some Germans. Protestant churches, mostly Methodist and Baptist; 91 public schools throughout the county; lodges of A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, pleasant; health, good; people hospitable. Good schools; land, cheap and productive; fine fruit section. Many opportunities for capital to invest in paying industries. Among the many towns situated throughout the county is Ava, the delightful county seat.

**AVA**—Population, 600; the town is abundantly supplied with pure water from wells, springs and cisterns. Streets well graded and in good condition, with wood sidewalks; lighted by oil lamps. The citizens of Ava are of a tolerant disposition as the different denominations worship in the same church. There is a well attended public school, two banks, lodges of I. O. O. F. and A. F. & A. M. Its many stores are well stocked with a general assortment of goods. A fine brick-yard and tannery are in a flourishing condition.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING** for a canning factory is offered as a paying investment. Among the many delightful towns, all of which offer many inducements for homes seekers, are the wide-awake towns of Squires and Arno.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Douglas county has 389,924 acres assessed at \$1,332,391; her town lots are assessed at \$36,740; personal property assessed at \$473,362; total assessed value of property, \$1,832,493. Total values are 44.48 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$4,119,813.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Dunklin county has 267,455 acres assessed at \$1,322,193 ; her town lots are assessed at \$302,820 ; personal property assessed at \$688,245. Total value of property assessed at \$2,313,258. Total values are 54.46 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$4,247,627.

Dunklin county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,322 horses, assessed at \$30.01 per head ; total.....	\$129,723
2,317 mules, assessed at \$34.89 per head ; total.....	80,831
12,570 neat cattle, assessed at \$5.59 per head ; total.....	70,287
1,032 sheep, assessed at \$1.13 per head ; total.....	1,167
32,615 hogs, assessed at \$1.38 per head ; total.....	45,184
Money, notes and bonds.....	130,526
Schools in 1894.....	54
Teachers .....	66
Pupils.....	4,177
Amount spent on schools.....	\$29,880.88
Permanent school fund.....	10,486.15

## FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Population, 28,817.

Central Eastern Missouri; on the southern bank of the Missouri; 34 miles west of St. Louis. Traversed by Missouri Pacific, St. Louis & San Francisco and St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado railroads.

**SOIL**—Broken and undulating; bottoms lands, rich loam; up-lands, hillsides and ridges of yellow clay. Land is very productive, and yields large crops of fruits and cereals. Coal is found in western part of the county, but not mined. Fire and pottery clays found in abundance. Lime and sandstone, lead, zinc and iron are found; and some shipped, lead principally.

**WATER**—Excellent limestone water, easily obtained at a depth of 12 to 25 feet. Missouri river forms the northern boundary; Meramec and Burbeuse rivers and many creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Over 50 miles of gravel and macadam, in fair order. Dirt roads, in good condition. Streams well bridged. Tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, walnut, sycamore and maple; good timber for railroad ties in abundance.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$2 to \$2.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, from \$10 to \$50 per acre; timber land, from \$5 to \$10 per acre; other land, from \$2.50 to \$50 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Good condition; supply sufficient for demand wages, \$10 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Wheat; time of growth, 10 months; yield per acre, from 15 to 40 bushels; 1,000,000 bushels marketed per year in shape of grain and flour; cost of production, 40 cents per bushel; price obtained last year, 60 cents per bushel; average selling price for five years past, 65 cents per bushel. Railroad facilities first class for marketing crop. Besides wheat, corn, oats, fruits and vegetables yield well.

**CATTLE**—Dairy and beef cattle are being improved in breed each year. County well adapted to sheep culture, although not many are raised. Large number of hogs are raised and shipped.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were raised and shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	2,209	Butter, pounds.....	119,658
Horses and mules, head .....	2	Eggs, dozen.....	953,180
Hogs, head .....	15,753	Poultry, pounds.....	385,090
Sheep, head.....	2,564	Feathers, pounds.....	289
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	355	Hides, pounds.....	97,653
Wheat, bushels.....	499,305	Junk, pounds.....	8,695
Corn, bushels.....	23,645	Fire-clay, cars .....	9
Oats, bushels.....	200	Building brick, cars.....	20
Flour, barrels.....	81,166	Sand, cars.....	1,009
Bran and ship-stuff, pounds .....	8,345,550	Tiff, cars .....	5
Potatoes, bushels.....	465	Lead, tons .....	122
Corn-cobs, cars .....	28	Iron ore, tons .....	6
Seed, bushels.....	3,075	Wine, gallons .....	3,625
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	6,096	Wood, cords.....	1,673
Nursery stock, pounds.....	102,012	Cooperage, cars.....	89
Dried fruit, pounds.....	19,432	Cross ties.....	81,200
Wool, pounds .....	30,648	Gravel, cars .....	1,302
Lard, pounds .....	1,957	Lumber, feet .....	1,389,000
Dressed meat, pounds.....	74,936		

**NOTE**—On account of the proximity of Franklin county to St. Louis, cattle and horses are driven; sheep hogs and calves are carried to market by wagon. The above table, therefore, does not do justice to Franklin county, as it considers only the shipments made by railroad.

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 28,817; largely German; many Catholic and German Evangelical, a few Baptist and Methodist churches; 122 county schools, with numerous parochial schools in the town.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES** — Climate, good; health unsurpassed; land throughout the bottoms well suited to gardening, hillsides and slopes to fruit and grape raising; railroad facilities, good; the entire county lies within a radius of 70 miles from St. Louis; citizens are law abiding and industrious; this county has all the advantages of the older Eastern states; large deposits of minerals, suitable for the manufacturing of glass; best water power in the West, near Pacific; proximity to St. Louis and formation of soil gives to Franklin county large possibilities for the future.

**UNION**—Population, 700; situated on the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado railroads; fine system of water works; streets well graded and sidewalks of brick and gravel; lighted by electricity. Taxes—city, 25 cents; county, 80 cents; school, 40 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Union has four churches, two public schools (white and colored), one thriving bank, five fraternal lodges, many well-stocked stores, a flour mill and wagon shop.

**A GOOD BUSINESS OPENING** for bakery, hotel, pottery and glass works.

**PACIFIC**—Population, 1500; on the Mo. Pacific and Frisco railroads, is a thriving town.

**WASHINGTON**—Population, 3000; on the Missouri river and Mo. Pacific railroad; has a marked industrial and commercial importance.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Franklin county has 533,578 acres assessed at \$3,404,516; her town lots are assessed at \$876,940; personal property assessed at \$1,315,449; total assessed value of property, \$5,596,905. Total values are 39.17 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,288,754.

Franklin county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,703 horses, assessed at \$27.49 per head; total.....	\$184,302
3,159 mules, assessed at \$29.38 per head; total.....	92,828
15,359 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.35 per head; total.....	112,924
5,741 sheep, assessed at \$1.12 per head; total.....	6,460
31,238 hogs, assessed at \$1.99 per head; total.....	62,311
Money, notes and bonds .....	497,854
Schools in 1894.....	122
Teachers .....	141
Pupils.....	6,227
Amount spent on schools.....	\$14,371.42
Permanent school fund.....	40,208.00

## GASCONADE COUNTY.

Population, 11,982.

**Central Eastern Missouri.** Traversed by Missouri Pacific railroad; about 70 miles west of St. Louis and 40 miles east of Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Undulating and hilly; land on both sides of the water courses of a rich, dark sandy loam, very productive; soil along the slopes and ridges of a yellow clay; red clay is found for brick making; large quantities of sand and limestone are quarried.

**WATER**—Wells and cisterns. The Missouri river borders the northern part of the county; Gasconade and Burbeuse rivers flow through the county besides many creeks, making the water supply abundant.

**ROADS**—Good dirt roads, in fair order; many miles of rock and gravel roads throughout the county; tax, 15 cents on \$100 valuation; three days' work or \$2 poll tax.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, walnut, cyprus and sycamore. Considerable oak made into railroad ties.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$20 to \$80 per acre; timber land, \$10 to \$25.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply up to demand; condition, good; wages, from \$12 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Wheat; matures in about nine months; average yield, 20 bushels per acre; some 600,000 bushels marketed each year; cost of production, about 40 cents per bushel. In addition to this many thousand barrels of fine flour are shipped. Average selling price of wheat last year, 55 cents per bushel; for five years past wheat brought on the average about 60 cents per bushel. Besides wheat, corn yields 40 bushels; oats, 35 bushels; potatoes, 80 bushels per acre, and hay, 1½ tons. Few dairy and beef cattle raised for home consumption. Fine country for sheep, but that industry is greatly neglected. Large number of hogs raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	253	Nursery stock, pounds.....	8,940
Horses and mules, head .....	40	Wool, pounds.....	37,394
Hogs, head .....	12,552	Game, pounds.....	980
Sheep, head .....	270	Lard, pounds.....	6,555
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	89	Tallow, pounds.....	20,106
Wheat, bushels .....	574,200	Dressed meat, pounds.....	8,825
Corn, bushels .....	28,015	Butter, pounds.....	8,528
Flour, barrels .....	33,375	Eggs, dozen.....	356,850
Bran, pounds .....	588,040	Poultry, pounds.....	109,390
Hay, bales.....	180	Feathers, pounds.....	1,368
Tobacco, pounds .....	1,740	Hides, pounds.....	90,662
Potatoes, bushels.....	150	Junk, pounds.....	50,000
Onions, bushels.....	250	Building brick, cars.....	13
Seed, bushels .....	2,467	Wine, gallons.....	214,000
Nuts, bushels .....	375	Cooperage, cars .....	21
Apples, bushels.....	1,110	Lumber feet.....	144,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 11,982; two-thirds Germans or of German descent; balance American; churches of different denominations throughout the county; 58 county schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate of an even temperature; health above the average. Fine county for small fruits and vegetables. Missouri's banner county for grapes and wine; 24,000 gallons of wine shipped last year; land cheap and of excellent quality; farmers thrifty and well to do. A hearty welcome to all honest and industrious immigration. Throughout the county are a number of first-class towns, among them Hermann, the solid and substantial **county seat**.

**HERMANN**—Population, 1500; situated on the Missouri Pacific railroad; water supply from wells and cisterns; good macadamized streets; sidewalks of stone and brick; electric and oil lighted streets.

**ADVANTAGES**—Catholic and Protestant churches, good public school, a flourishing bank, lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows, A. O. U. W., a variety of well stocked stores, a flour mill, an elevator and a machine shop. A fine opening for a packing house.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Gasconade county has 321,199 acres assessed at \$1,691,497; her town lots assessed at \$339,052; personal property assessed at \$1,397,510, total assessed value of property \$3,428,059. Total values are 40.39 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,487,395.

Gasconade county's personal property consists mainly of—

2,838 horses, assessed at \$30.19 per head ; total.....	\$85,685
2,227 mules, assessed at \$30.62 per head ; total.....	68,191
8,580 neat cattle, assessed at \$9.08 per head ; total.....	77,800
4,433 sheep, assessed at \$1.36 per head ; total.....	6,070
16,547 hogs, assessed at \$2 per head ; total.....	33,282
Money, notes and bonds.....	900,418
Schools in 1894.....	58
Teachers.....	63
Pupils.....	2,324
Amount spent on schools.....	\$19,288.02
Permanent school fund.....	10,583.98

### GENTRY COUNTY.

Population, 19,939.

Northwest Missouri. Traversed by C., B. & Q., and Omaha & St. Louis railroads; 40 miles northeast of St. Joseph; 85 miles north of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Gently rolling prairie of black loam, rich and very productive. The bottom lands are particular rich. Most of the soil is of alluvial nature, underlaid by clay subsoil, and that by limestone. Coal is found in north part of the county. Fine quality of brick and tile clay and limestone are found in abundance.

**WATER**—Many wells and cisterns of good water; some springs of the purest water are found. Grand river and its tributaries flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order. Streams are well bridged.

**TIMBER**—White burr, red, black and pin oak, hickory, elm, cottonwood and maple are found in abundance.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$2 to \$3 per cord; soft coal, from \$2.50 to \$4 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$20 to \$30; timber land, \$15 to \$30; other lands, from \$10 to \$25 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, good; wages, \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, rye, oats and hay; corn matures between May and September; average yield per acre, corn, 33 bushels; wheat, 18 bushels; potatoes, 40 bushels. Average selling price last year, corn, 15 cents; wheat, 50 cents; rye, 35 cents; oats, 15 cents, and hay, \$6 a ton. All the small fruits and vegetables grow abundantly throughout the county. All the well-known breeds of cattle, hogs and sheep are raised and shipped in large numbers. For fat steers, Gentry, with its luxuriant blue-grass pastures, is the banner county of Missouri.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	99,742	Dressed meat, pounds .....	2,020
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	57	Cheese and butter, pounds.....	119,918
Wheat, corn and oats, bushels .....	229,766	Eggs, dozen .....	553,050
Flour, barrels.....	601	Poultry, pounds .....	913,031
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	32,330	Feathers, pounds.....	2,845
Hay, bales.....	8,120	Hides and tallow, pounds .....	152,085
Tobacco, pounds .....	2,940	Junk, pounds .....	189,400
Potatoes, bushels.....	5,913	Sewer-pipe and tile, cars .....	33
Seed, bushels.....	5,558	Building brick, cars.....	42
Fruits and vegetables, pounds .....	569,485	Sand and stone, cars.....	100
Nursery stock, pounds.....	13,800	Wood, cords.....	3,452
Molasses, gallons .....	1,069	Cooperage, cars .....	2
Cider, gallons.....	8,000	Cross ties .....	12,000
Wool, pounds .....	84,873	Piling and lumber, feet.....	835,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 19,939; native, 95 per cent; balance German and Irish. All the Protestant and Catholic churches are represented; 87 county schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good healthy climate. Cheap land for general farming, are unsurpassed for stock raising; blue-grass indigenous. One of the finest counties for the culture of small fruits and vegetables. Inhabitants refined, cultured and hospitable. Immigration is solicited. A sure profitable foothold offered for first-class homeseekers. Among many growing towns is the county seat, Albany.

**ALBANY**—Population, 2500; situated on C., B. & Q. railroad. Abundantly supplied with fresh water from wells and cisterns. Broad graded streets; brick, stone and board sidewalks; lighted by electricity. Taxes—town, 50 cents; county, 50 cents; school, 50 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Albany has seven churches of different denominations; fine public schools; two banks with capital of \$40,000; deposits, \$80,000. All the popular fraternal societies have lodges. The town is equipped with well stocked stores of the different branches of trade. Many manufacturing interests are represented.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING** is offered for a canning and barrel factory. A pork packing establishment could be operated successfully.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Gentry county has 309,115 acres assessed at \$2,767,053; her town lots are assessed at \$703,887; personal prop-

erty assessed at \$2,031,349; total assessed value of property, \$5,502,289. Total values are 33.68 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$16,336,962.

Gentry county's personal property consists mainly of—

13,913 horses, assessed at \$21.30 per head; total.....	\$296,350
1,504 mules, assessed at \$22.01 per head; total.....	33,112
24,449 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.94 per head; total .....	365,421
8,850 sheep, assessed at \$1.36 per head; total.....	12,102
30,547 hogs, assessed at \$3.08 per head; total.....	94,274
Money, notes and bonds.....	772,889
Schools in 1894.....	87
Teachers .....	117
Pupils .....	5,186
Amount spent on schools.....	\$43,311.48
Permanent school fund.....	75,605.76

#### GREENE COUNTY.

Population, 58,523.

Southwest Missouri. Traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco with Chadwick and Bolivar branches, and Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis with the Clinton branch; 200 miles southwest of St. Louis; 150 miles south of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—About two-thirds of the county is level; balance is rolling and hilly; the river bottoms are a rich loam of great productiveness. In western part of county a fine deposit of fire-clay is found; also some limestone. Lead and zinc ores are mined.

**WATER**—James fork of White river, two branches of Sack river and Pomme de Terre river, with many creeks, run through the county.

**ROADS**—As a rule the county roads are in good condition.

**TIMBER**—Varieties of oak and hickory; some cedar.

**FUEL**—Mainly wood, \$1.50 to \$2 per cord; coal, \$3.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$10 to \$60; timber land, \$5 to \$20.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, sufficient for demand; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn. Time of growth, May to October; yield per acre, about 40 bushels; average selling price last year, 20 cents; for five years past average price was 35 cents per bushel; railroad facilities good for handling crops; other grains yield abundantly; small fruits and vegetables are raised throughout the county; large shipments of dairy and beef cattle made each year; fine country for sheep, but not many raised; one of the best counties in the State for raising hogs, of which annually large shipments are made.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	6,807	Game, pounds .....	36,170
Horses and mules, head .....	1,160	Lard, pounds.....	150,000
Hogs, head .....	24,400	Dressed meat, pounds .....	3,280
Sheep, head .....	1,620	Butter, pounds.....	7,949
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	170	Eggs, dozen.....	346,590
Wheat, bushels .....	262,800	Poultry, pounds .....	2,510,716
Corn, bushels .....	11,060	Feathers, pounds.....	20,210
Oats, bushels.....	29,600	Hides, pounds.....	805,886
Flour, barrels .....	329,578	Junk, pounds.....	180,000
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	3,540	Building brick, cars.....	19
Hay, bales.....	13,680	Sand, cars.....	6
Potatoes, bushels.....	1,500	Stone, cars .....	50
Seed, bushels.....	1,130	Iron ore, cars.....	20
Apples, bushels.....	1,878	Zinc ore, tons .....	1,350
Fruits and vegetables, pounds .....	47,170	Lime, barrels.....	317,550
Nursery stock, pounds.....	52,000	Wood, cords.....	2,765
Canned goods, pounds .....	150,000	Cooperage, cars .....	111
Cider, gallons .....	8,000	Cross ties .....	2,800
Dried fruit, pounds.....	685	Lumber, feet .....	190,000
Wool, pounds .....	4,074	Small fruits, crates.....	10,225

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 58,523; largely American; some German and Irish and a few French. All the Protestant and Catholic churches are represented throughout the county; 129 county schools, and the well-known seat of learning, Drury college; also, Springfield normal and high school. In addition to these are the noted Loretto academy and St. Joseph's college. The inhabitants are law abiding, thrifty and prosperous. A hearty welcome extended to all honest homes seekers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Equitable climate, cheap land, healthy region, purest water, wonderfully productive land, as good as can be found anywhere in the State. Crops never fail. People full of energy. Best county in State for capital to invest with speedy returns. A number of thriving towns throughout the county, among them the Pride of Southwest Missouri, Springfield, the county seat.

**SPRINGFIELD**—Population, 30,000; situated on the St. Louis, San Francisco and Kansas City, Fort Scott railroads. Fine water works supplied with spring water. Macadamized streets; stone, brick and cement sidewalks, in good order, brilliantly lighted by gas and electricity.

**ADVANTAGES**—Too many to mention. Springfield is the fourth largest city in the State. Its elegant block of business houses and beautiful avenues of costly residences, with its many jobbing and manufacturing industries, fine schools and colleges, churches, banks and lodges, fully give it the well earned title of the "Pride of Southwest Missouri."

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Greene county has 418,425 acres assessed at \$3,362,760; her town lots assessed at \$6,040,687; personal property assessed at \$2,603,782; total assessed value of property, \$12,007,229. Total values are 39.19 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$30,638,502.

Greene county's personal property consists mainly of—

14,979 horses, assessed at \$23.33 per head; total.....	\$349,591
4,759 mules, assessed at \$23.04 per head; total.....	109,675
19,604 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.94 per head; total.....	155,195
5,118 sheep, assessed at \$1.03 per head; total.....	5,302
45,299 hogs, assessed at \$1.29 per head; total.....	58,684
Money, notes and bonds .....	667,539
Schools in 1894 .....	129
Teachers .....	216
Pupils .....	12,764
Amount spent on schools.....	\$90,973.07
Permanent school fund.....	44,569.06

### GRUNDY COUNTY.

Population, 19,221.

North Central Missouri; traversed by Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City railroads; 80 miles northeast of Kansas City; 70 miles east of St. Joseph.

**SOIL**—Mostly undulating prairie of a black sandy loam; the bottom lands are rich and very productive; the streams are well timbered; the prairie soil is well adapted to the raising of corn and other cereals; on account of the richness of the soil the wild prairie grasses are giving way to a fine growth of blue grass which is found to be the basis of Grundy's substantial wealth. In and about Trenton a fine vein of coal is found and extensively mined.

**WATER**—Grand river its tributaries and the Thompson and Weldon rivers flow through the county besides many small creeks, wells and springs. The water supply is abundant; the quality good, and the whole county well drained.

**ROADS**—Some gravel and macadamized; the county roads are mostly dirt, in fairly good order; streams are very well bridged.

**TIMBER**—Generally speaking, the county is well timbered; the supply for home consumption is abundant; some lumber is shipped each year; the different varieties of oak, also hickory, walnut and elm are found.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per cord; coal, \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Improved farms, from \$15 to \$35 per acre; timber land, from \$5 to \$12 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, sufficient for demand; condition, first-class; wages, with board, from \$15 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, rye and oats are raised abundantly; those crops never fail; grasses, blue grass, timothy, clover, are very productive. Grundy county is within the fruit belt; small fruits, berries, vegetables and several kinds of grape yield good crops with moderate care; all the well known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are successfully raised; large numbers are shipped each year, especially hogs.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	10,624	Wool, pounds .....	38,370
Horses and mules, head .....	618	Game, pounds.....	1,229
Hogs, head .....	23,329	Butter, pounds.....	18,034
Sheep, head .....	3,505	Eggs, dozen .....	178,770
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	9	Poultry, pounds .....	359,203
Corn and oats, bushels.....	10,115	Feathers, pounds.....	2,393
Mixed grain, bushels. ....	2,582	Hides, pounds.....	16,980
Flour, barrels.....	472	Junk, pounds.....	152,845
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	60,000	Lime, barrels .....	40
Hay, bales.....	2,340	Cooperage, cars .....	13
Apples, bushels.....	3,315	Cross ties .....	1,200
Nursery stock, pounds.....	4,090	Lumber, feet.....	140,000
Dried fruit, pounds.....	540		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 19,221; mostly native; some German. All the leading christian denominations are represented by many beautiful houses of worship. There are 90 county schools besides the well-known colleges, Grand River, in Edingburg, four miles west of Trenton, under the control of the Baptists, and Avalon college, in Trenton, under the auspices of the United Brethren.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES** — Climate equitable; health above the average. The entire country is so well drained that no malaria exists;

abundance of pure water; land cheap and very productive. The population are a hardy, sturdy, intelligent, industrious, law abiding people; immigration is welcome; home-seekers can find a haven of rest and profit in beautiful Grundy county. Among many flourishing towns is Trenton, the county seat.

**TRENTON**—The foremost commercial town; on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway; beautifully situated on high ground east of the river, containing over 6000 population; streets are well graded; sidewalks in good condition. The city is lighted by gas and electricity and has a system of water works, churches, schools, blocks of handsome stores, avenues of beautiful residences, indicate its substantial growth and wealth. To live among cultured and refined people, Trenton is recommended to homeseekers.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Grundy county has 272,897 acres assessed at \$2,331,581; her town lots are assessed at \$1,052,100; personal property at \$1,392,401; total assessed value of property, \$4,776,082. Assessed values are 41.70 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$11,453,434.

Grundy county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,730 horses, assessed at 17 37 per head; total.....	\$169,088
1,069 mules, assessed at \$18.18 per head; total.....	19,449
20,714 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.60 per head; total.....	281,786
9,764 sheep, assessed at 98c per head; total.....	9,625
17,255 hogs, assessed at \$2.50 per head; total.....	43,303
Money, bonds and notes.....	521,120
Schools in 1894 .....	90
Teachers .....	155
Pupils.....	5,058
Amount spent on schools.....	\$39,028 52
Permanent school fund.....	45,289 38

## HARRISON COUNTY.

Population, 21,397.

Northwest Missouri; bordering the Iowa state line. Traversed by Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads; sixty miles northeast of St. Joseph; 100 miles north of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Eastern and western portions undulating; the central part generally level; the bottom lands are very rich; prairie land consisting of black loam, is very fertile. Some limestone is found for home use.

**WATER**—East fork of Grand river runs along the eastern border. Wells and cisterns furnish good, pure water throughout the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; tax, 10 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Generally well timbered. Abundance of oak, hickory, ash, elm, maple and walnut.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1.50 to \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$15 to \$40 an acre. Timber land, \$15 to \$25.

**FARM LABOR**—Full supply of farm hands; wages, from \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, May to September; average yield, 40 bushels per acre; price last year, 15 cents per bushel. Wheat, rye and oats yield abundantly, while small fruits and vegetables grow in profusion. Dairy, beef cattle, hogs and sheep are profitably raised, and large numbers of each are shipped annually. Railroad facilities for marketing crops are first class.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	18,171	Apples, bushels.....	6,842
Horses and mules, head .....	740	Canned goods, pounds.....	150,000
Hogs, head .....	39,280	Wool, pounds .....	14,816
Sheep, head .....	7,650	Butter, pounds.....	62,860
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	5	Eggs, dozen .....	166,956
Wheat, bushels .....	1,200	Poultry, pounds .....	833,155
Corn, bushels .....	107,900	Hides, pounds .....	1,635
Oats, bushels.....	9,600	Junk, pounds .....	30,000
Mixed grain, bushels.....	800	Wood, cords.....	287
Flour, barrels.....	30	Cooperage, cars .....	10
Hay, bales.....	6,480	Lumber, feet .....	256,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 21,397; majority native; a few Germans and Irish. Churches of different denominations, and some 140 district schools are scattered throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Very healthy country. Many inducements for homeseekers are offered; land is cheap, and for general farming, very productive; crops never fail; when prices are low, farmers feed corn to hogs and steers at big profit. People are hospitable and cordially invite immigration. The very best opportunities are offered capital in stock-raising. The well-known town of Bethany is the county seat.

**BETHANY**—With a population of 1300 is situated on the C., B. & Q. railroad; supplied by water from wells and cisterns; streets w graded and macadamized; good board and brick sidewalks; lighted electricity.

**ADVANTAGES**—Bethany has three churches, and a good public school; two prosperous banks; many well-known fraternal societies; fine stores, well stocked with first class goods; canning and cigar factories; planing mill and other manufactures.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Harrison county has 451,820 acres assessed at \$3,947,545; her town lots are assessed at \$535,173; personal property assessed at \$2,250,676; total assessed value of property, \$6,733,394. Assessed values are 39.48 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$17,055,202.

Harrison county's personal property consists mainly of—

18,483 horses, assessed at \$17.69 per head; total.....	\$327,141
2,276 mules assessed at \$16.83 per head; total.....	38,318
32,741 neat cattle at \$14.55 per head; total.....	476,731
6,510 sheep at assessed at 97 cents per head; total.....	6,371
35,127 hogs at \$2.40 per head; total.....	84,445
Money, notes and bonds.....	705,708
Number of schools in 1894 .....	143
Number of teachers in 1894 .....	189
Number of pupils in 1894.....	6,466
Amount expended on schools in 1894.....	\$47,098.68
Permanent school fund.....	68,418.67

## HENRY COUNTY.

Population, 30,399.

Central Southwest Missouri. Traversed by M., K. & T., K. C., Clinton and Springfield and Kansas City, Osceola and Southern railroads; 90 miles west of Jefferson City; 70 miles southeast of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Rich loam prairie, level in the north and rolling in the south; the bottom lands are very productive. The county is underlaid with coal formation which is mined to the extent of 200,000 tons per year. Potters clay, fire clay, sandstone and iron are found, but not extensively developed.

**WATER**—Well and cistern water. The Grand and Osage rivers with their tributaries and many creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair condition; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Walnut, oak, hickory, ash, maple, elm and locust.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 to \$2 per cord; coal, \$2 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$20 to \$35 per acre; timber land, \$3 to \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, equal to demand; wages, from \$12 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; planted about April 15th., harvested in September; average, 40 bushels per acre; average selling price last year, 28 cents per bushel; average selling price for five years past, 40 cents per bushel; total crop in 1895, over 5,000,000 bushels, valued at \$1,400,000; bulk of crop near railroads can be marketed with but little expense. Oats, wheat and hay yield abundantly. Small fruits and vegetables grow in profusion throughout the county. Large numbers of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised with good profit to producer.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products was shipped out of the county in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	24,408	Game, pounds.....	5,391
Horses and mules, head .....	720	Cheese, pounds.....	9,400
Hogs, head .....	53,301	Castor beans, pounds .....	30,000
Sheep, head .....	8,600	Butter, pounds.....	31,698
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	130	Eggs, dozen.....	1,192,950
Wheat, bushels .....	179,400	Poultry, pounds .....	2,504,722
Corn, bushels .....	764,465	Feathers, pounds.....	660
Oats, bushels.....	141,600	Hides, pounds .....	108,526
Flour, barrels.....	21,770	Junk, tons.....	180,365
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	1,425,000	Fire clay, cars .....	66
Flax, pounds.....	4,560,000	Building brick, cars.....	205
Hay, bales.....	137,520	Coal, tons.....	65,400
Tobacco, pounds .....	500	Lime, barrels.....	4,650
Potatoes, bushels.....	1,350	Wood, cords..	589
Seed, bushels.....	18,100	Cooperage, cars.....	3
Apples, barrels .....	1,908	Cross ties .....	6,000
Nursery stock, pounds.....	150,000	Lumber, feet.....	342,000
Molasses, gallons.....	611	Small fruits, crates.....	31
Wool, pounds .....	3,920		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 30,399; mostly natives; churches of various denominations are scattered throughout the county, together with 111 county schools; lodges of Woodmen, Macabees, Odd-Fellows and Masons are to be found in all the large towns.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The county is one of the most productive in stock, fruits, grain and all kinds of farm products. It has a healthy climate, good water and numerous streams; it is underlaid with coal; has excellent railroad facilities within easy reach of the best markets; churches and good schools convenient to all sections. There are a number of flourishing towns, among which is the county seat, Clinton.

**CLINTON**—Population, 6000; situated on M., K. & T. and K. C., O. & S. railroads; abundantly supplied with water from many artesian

wells; broad, well graded macadamized streets; fine granitoid, stone and brick sidewalks; brilliantly lighted by gas and electricity. Taxes—town, 50 cents; county, 68 cents; school, 52 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Number of Protestant and Catholic churches; four large schools; four flourishing banks, aggregate capital \$275,000, deposits \$800,000; several fraternal lodges; blocks of handsome buildings; mercantile houses well supplied with every variety of merchandise; manufactories of all kinds and a fine business opening for a paper mill are a few of the many attractions Clinton has to offer homeseekers and new comers with capital.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Henry county has 458,031 acres assessed at \$3,902,550; her town lots are assessed at \$1,285,950; personal property, \$2,128,890; total assessed value of property, \$7,317,391. Assessed values are 27.10 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$27,001,439.

Henry county's personal property consists mainly of—

13,635 horses, assessed at \$21.20 per head; total .....	\$289,155
3,433 mules, assessed at \$24.05 per head; total.....	82,595
24,049 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.24 per head; total.....	246,455
1,775 sheep, assessed at \$1.08 per head; total.....	1,839
29,708 hogs, assessed at \$2.63 per head; total .....	78,414
Money, bonds and notes .....	694,615
Schools in 1894.....	113
Teachers .....	170
Pupils.....	8,731
Amount spent on schools.....	\$82,901.35
Permanent school fund.....	33,998.25

## HICKORY COUNTY.

Population, 10,486.

Central Southwest Missouri; 70 miles southwest of Jefferson City; 100 miles southeast of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Mostly rolling prairie, black and sandy loam; land near the rivers very rich and productive; some rich coal deposits are found but not worked; clays good for making brick; limestone, cotton rock, lead and zinc are also found.

**WATER**—Wells; principally limestone water. Pomme de Terre, Little Pomme de Terre, Weaubleau and Little Niangua rivers flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Mostly dirt, in fair condition; some graded roads; streams very well bridged; tax, 15 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—About one-half the county is timbered, consisting of oak, walnut, hickory, elm and maple.

**FUEL**—Wood costs about \$1.25 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$8 to \$20; timber land, from \$3 to \$8 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply exceeds demand; wages, \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, 130 days; yield per acre, 35 bushels. Average price last year, 20 cents; average selling price for five years past, 25 cents per bushel; bulk of crop raised within 30 miles of railroad. Other grains and hay yield abundantly. The cattle industry is increasing each year; all the well known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised to advantage.

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 10,486; Americans, German and Irish; Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches are located in all sections of the county. The inhabitants show their desire for learning by the 62 public schools and the well-known college situated at Weaubleau.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The health is exceptionally good; land cheap and very productive. The advantages of Hickory county for homeseekers are so many as to deserve the name of the "Poor Man's County" of Missouri. Immigration is welcomed by the people. As a class, its inhabitants are thrifty, well to do and honest. Cattle raisers can find no better opportunity for investment than in Hickory county. Among a number of growing towns, in the center of the county is Hermitage, the **county seat**.

**HERMITAGE**—Population, 300; most beautifully situated on the Pomme de Terre river, from which the city is abundantly supplied with water; broad streets, well graded, running with the cardinal points of the compass; sidewalks of wood and gravel; lighted by oil lamps. Several well-stocked stores; a flourishing bank; fine public schools; Masonic and Odd Fellows' lodges; roller mill and 2 newspapers; with a fine business opening for handle, chair and wagon factories. These constitute but a few of the many attractions offered at Hermitage.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Hickory county has 235,590 acres assessed at \$983,544; her town lots are assessed at \$60,182; personal property assessed at \$687,555; total assessed value of property, \$1,731,281. Assessed values are 49.90 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,469,703.

Hickory county's personal property consists mainly of—

5,987 horses, assessed at \$19.79 per head ; total .....	\$118,539
1,717 mules, assessed at \$19.11 per head ; total .....	32,818
11,711 neat cattle at \$10.87 per head ; total .....	127,321
6,893 sheep, assessed at \$1.02 per head ; total.....	7,084
21,831 hogs, assessed at \$1.67 per head ; total.....	36,596
Money, notes and bonds.....	231,784
Schools in 1894 .....	62
Teachers .....	67
Pupils.....	3,664
Amount spent on schools.....	\$12,421.91
Permanent school fund.....	16,785.07

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HOLT COUNTY.

Population, 15,469.

**Northwest Missouri**—Traversed by main line of the Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs railway and its three branches; Nodaway River, Tarkio Valley and Atchison & St. Joseph railroads; southern boundary 24 miles north of St. Joseph and 70 miles north of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Rolling prairie, with a soil of rich, black loam; timber plentiful along the streams and on the bottom lands; the county is very well watered; clays for making brick, lime and sandstone for building purposes are found throughout the county.

**WATER**—Good limestone drinking water. The county has the Nodaway river on the east, the Missouri river on the west and south and the Big and Little Tarkio rivers and many creeks within its boundary.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads, in fair order; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Burr and black oak, cottonwood, elm and walnut, used for home consumption.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 to \$3 per cord; coal, \$4 to \$7 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms average \$30 per acre; timber and bluff lands, \$10 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply is fair; wages, \$18 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, rye and oats; wheat and rye will average 15 to 20 bushels; corn and oats, 40 to 50 bushels per acre; railroad facilities for handling crops, first class; apples, small fruit and vegetables grow in profusion throughout the county and are shipped in large quantities; beef, dairy cattle, hogs and sheep are raised to advantage and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	21,196	Dressed meat, pounds.....	2,677
Horses and mules, head.....	60	Wool, pounds.....	20,751
Hogs, head.....	47,780	Hides, pounds.....	182,167
Mixed live-stock, car.....	1	Apples, bushels.....	204,262
Sheep, head.....	3,330	Seed, bushels.....	318
Wheat, bushels.....	121,800	Canned goods, pounds.....	1,620,000
Corn, bushels.....	686,100	Dried fruit, pounds.....	1,545
Oats, bushels.....	20,100	Tallow, pounds.....	21,640
Rye, bushels.....	4,200	Poultry, pounds.....	406,890
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	702,648	Butter, pounds.....	4,995
Flour, barrels.....	18,276	Eggs, dozen .....	30,300
Hay, bales.....	6,660	Feathers, pounds.....	1,446
Broom-corn, car.....	1	Small fruits, crates .....	4,548
Vegetables, pounds .....	800	Lumber, feet .....	828,000
Nursery stock, pounds.....	71,005		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 15,469 ; principally Americans ; a good many Germans and some Irish and Scotch. Numerous churches and 74 county schools are conveniently located throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy climate ; good land at low prices; people industrious, energetic and law abiding ; excellent railroad facilities for shipping crops and cattle ; inhabitants hospitable and cordially welcome desirable immigration. Capital can find many opportunities for good investments in Holt county. Among its towns is Oregon, the county seat.

**OREGON**—Population, 1000 ; situated on Nodaway branch railroad ; water supply at present from wells and cisterns ; water works plant, motor line to Forest City and an electric light plant to be put in operation in the near future ; different religious denominations are represented by beautiful churches ; public school and all the well known fraternal societies are represented ; many well stocked stores of different branches of trade supply the wants of the people.

A FINE BUSINESS OPENING for implement and canning factories.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Holt county has 276,427 acres assessed at \$3,265,000 ; her town lots are assessed at \$647,365 ; personal property assessed at \$1,923,655 ; total assessed value of property, \$5,836,020. Assessed values are 36.77 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of the county is estimated at \$15,871,689.

**Holt county's personal property consists mainly of—**

9,059 horses assessed at \$19.38 per head ; total.....	\$175,610
2,148 mules assessed at \$22.88 per head ; total.....	49,155
14,977 neat cattle assessed at \$13.11 per head ; total.....	196,355
615 sheep assessed at \$1 per head ; total.....	615
29,399 hogs assessed at \$3.92 per head ; total.....	115,440
Money, notes and bonds.....	1,060,925
Schools in 1894.....	75
Teachers .....	109
Pupils .....	4,987
Amount spent on schools in 1894.....	\$49,360 41
Permanent school fund.....	89,750.76

**HOWARD COUNTY.**

Population, 17,371.

In Central Missouri; bordering the northern bank of Missouri river; traversed by M., K. & T., C. & A., M., K. & E., and a branch of the Wabash R. R.; 150 miles west of St. Louis; 90 miles east of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Along the river bottoms the soil is very rich, and in other portions of the county it is a rich sandy loam and very productive. The land along the western boundary and in the northeastern corner is generally hilly, and gently rolling in the other sections; it is all underlaid with a coal strata, found at a depth of from 1 to 30 feet though not extensively worked. Sandstone, limestone and a variety of clays are found.

**WATER**—Springs, wells and cisterns. The Missouri river borders the county on the south and west, and many creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, well graded; 10 cents on \$100 valuation. Poll tax \$2.

**TIMBER**—Different varieties of oak, walnut, hickory and elm.

**FUEL**—Coal, from 8 to 10 cents per bushel. Wood, \$2 to \$2.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$15 to \$40 per acre; near towns, from \$50 to \$60 per acre; timber land, \$5 to \$15 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply is adequate; mostly negro labor; wages, \$20 to \$25 per month, without board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn and wheat. Corn yields 40 to 50 bushels per acre; wheat averages 24 bushels per acre. About 200,000 bushels of wheat shipped each year; selling from 50 cents to 60 cents per bushel; corn is largely fed to hogs. Dairy and beef cattle raised to

some extent. Large shipments of hogs are made each season, constituting the chief export of the county; apples, small fruits and vegetables are grown with profit. Tobacco amounting to about 100,000 pounds is marketed annually.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	4,263	Apples, bushels.....	19,713
Horses and mules, head.....	869	Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	482,000
Hogs, head.....	22,082	Nursery stock, pounds.....	30,000
Sheep, head.....	3,620	Wool, pounds.....	3,173
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	13	Fish, pounds.....	705
Wheat, bushels.....	173,740	Tallow, pounds.....	1,838
Corn, bushels.....	17,087	Butter, pounds.....	2,577
Oats, bushels.....	1,250	Eggs, dozen.....	64,440
Flour, barrels.....	17,015	Poultry, pounds.....	150,326
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	210,000	Feathers, pounds.....	897
Hay, bales.....	540	Hides, pounds.....	35,579
Tobacco, pounds .....	101,060	Cooperage, cars.....	7
Potatoes, bushels.....	16,200	Cross ties .....	18,600
Seed, bushels.....	500	Lumber, feet.....	80,000
Nuts, bushels.....	60	Small fruits, crates.....	196

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 17,371; Virginians, Kentuckians and some Germans; well educated, thrifty and law abiding. Many churches of different denominations, and 79 county schools are conveniently located throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good climate; lands in proportion to fertility very cheap; abundance of good, pure water. Small fruits, market gardening and poultry raising can be made very profitable. People industrious and well to do; the right kind of immigration is invited. Among a number of thriving towns is Fayette, the county seat.

**FAYETTE**—Population, 2800; situated on M., K. & T. railroad. Abundantly supplied by water from wells, cisterns and creeks. Well graded streets; sidewalks of board, stone and brick; lighted by electricity. Taxes, town, 50 cents; county, 30 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Fayette has six beautiful churches, public schools and colleges, two banks with an aggregate capital of \$55,000, many large well stocked stores, coal mines and tobacco factory. A fine opening for canning and implement factories is offered owing to superior railroad facilities.

GLASGOW—Population, 1800; located on the Missouri river at the crossing of the C. & A. R. R. It is the most important shipping point in the county.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Howard county has 285,591 acres assessed at \$2,751,951. Her town lots are assessed at \$730,007. Personal property assessed at \$1,901,444. Total assessed value of property, \$5,386,402. Assessed values are 36.72 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,668,850.

Howard county's personal property consists mainly of—

7,322 horses, assessed at \$19.54 her head ; total .....	\$143,130
3,499 mules, assessed at \$25.42 per head ; total.....	88,950
14,064 neat cattle at \$16.02 per head ; total,.....	225,430
7,101 sheep at \$1.44 per head ; total.....	10,290
20,117 hogs at \$2.68 per head ; total.....	53,975
Money, bonds and notes.....	930,023
Schools in 1894 .....	79
Teachers .....	104
Pupils .....	4,269
Amount spent on schools.....	\$38,665.07
Permanent school fund .....	18,191.22

## HOWELL COUNTY.

Population, 23,520.

South Central Missouri, on Arkansas state line—Traversed by Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis and Current River railroads; 240 miles southeast from Kansas City; 180 miles southwest from St. Louis.

**SOIL**—The soil is mainly a light fertile clay loam, covered in some places with broken stone, but this is not a hinderance in its cultivation; being rich in phosphates makes it an invaluable aid in fruit-raising. In the valleys the soil is a black loam and entirely free from stone. The productiveness of the county as a fruit grower is unsurpassed. Fire-clay, kaolin, lime, dolomite and sandstone, iron, lead and zinc ores are found; mining in this county, however, is as yet in its infancy.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs of pure soft water; five large streams flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; no road tax.

**TIMBER**—Oak and pine; a large amount of pine is milled and shipped each year.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farming, from \$5 to \$50; timber land, \$3 to \$15 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply ample; condition, good; wages, \$10 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Fruit, corn, wheat, oats. Howell county is in the fruit belt and is one of the best fruit-producing counties in the State. Corn averages 25 bushels, wheat, 18 bushels, oats, 50 bushels per acre. The fruit crop in 1895 was worth over \$600,000.

**CATTLE**—Dairy and beef cattle are mostly raised for home consumption; hogs fed on mast and corn yield a large profit to owners.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	6,804	Canned goods, pounds.....	60,000
Horses and mules, head .....	620	Game, pounds .....	24,522
Hogs, head .....	7,680	Butter, pounds.....	7,481
Wheat, bushels .....	22,800	Eggs, dozen .....	151,680
Corn, bushels .....	650	Poultry, pounds .....	287,841
Flour, barrels.....	4,350	Building brick, cars.....	14
Cotton, bales.....	2,519	Cross ties .....	12,600
Hay, bales.....	5,400	Lumber, feet .....	444,000
Nursery stock, pounds.....	30,000	Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	1,919

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 23,520; almost wholly American; 40 county churches of various denominations. Lodges—Masons and Odd-Fellows; 97 county schools; 4 weekly and 2 daily newspapers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate free from extremes. No blizzards, hot winds or drought; can plough every month in the year; grazing season from April to November; feeding season short. The people are industries, prosperous, and invite honest, energetic immigration. The county possesses a number of thriving towns, among them West Plains, the county seat.

**WEST PLAINS**—Population, 2300. Situated on Kansas City, Fort Scott railroad; abundantly supplied with water, from wells and cisterns, and a big spring in the centre of the town; well graded streets; sidewalks of concrete, stone and wood; lighted by electricity and gas. Total tax, \$1.80 in city; \$1.30 in county.

**ADVANTAGES** of West Plains, as a place of residence, are many; there are 7 churches, of different denominations; excellent public schools; 3 banks with an aggregate capital of \$125,000; all the well-known fraternal societies have lodges; blocks of fine stores filled with goods of every description and many manufactories.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING** for an iron furnace, box, barrel, canning and furniture factories, creamery or distillery. In addition to

railroad towns within a radius of 5 to 15 miles are the "inland" towns of Moody, Pottersville, Peach Valley, White Church and Siloam Springs.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Howell county has 515,233 acres assessed at \$1,579,763; her town lots are assessed at \$438,195; personal property assessed at \$737,063; total assessed value of property in county is \$2,755,021. Assessed values are 29.82 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$9,238,836.

Howell county's personal property consists mainly of—

5,905 horses, assessed at \$18.88 per head ; total .....	\$111,507
2,285 mules, assessed at \$23.32 per head ; total.....	53,305
12,037 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.27 per head ; total.....	87,512
9,348 sheep, assessed at 94 per head ; total.....	8,880
25,356 hogs, assessed at \$1.01 per head ; total.....	25,661
Money, bonds and notes .....	185,305
Schools in 1894.....	97
Teachers .....	119
Pupils.....	6,327
Amount spent for schools .....,.....	\$45,342.88
Permanahent school fund.....	5,771.45

## IRON COUNTY.

### Population, 9586.

Central Southeast Missouri ; traversed from north to south by St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway ; 75 miles south of St. Louis ; 120 miles southeast of Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—The soil is of a light loam and in the valleys very productive. The Ozark range of mountains runs through the county. Clay for making brick and pottery ; also iron and lead are found, but not mined to any extent.

**WATER**—Wells and cisterns ; Stouts creek, containing clear pure water, runs through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good order ; road tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak and pine grow in abundance ; large shipments of hub and saw timber made each year.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm, from \$10 to \$20 per acre ; timber land, from \$2 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply and condition good ; wages, from \$15 to \$18 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn ; time of growth, four months ; yield per acre, 25 bushels ; average selling price last year, 20 cents ; average

selling price for last five years, 35 cents per bushel. Other grains grow well; small fruits and vegetables are abundantly raised throughout the county. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised, but not in large numbers. A fine Shetland pony farm is situated near Ironton.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	1,431	Butter, pounds .....	2,616
Horses and mules, head .....	20	Eggs, dozen .....	20,520
Hogs, head.....	2,649	Poultry, pounds .....	21,990
Sheep, head.....	542	Feathers, pounds.....	25
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	56	Hides, pounds.....	24,535
Corn, bushels .....	711	Granite, cars.....	589
Flour, barrels.....	6,759	Stone, cars .....	22
Hay, bales.....	540	Iron ore, cars .....	40
Apples, barrels.....	21	Lime, barrels.....	2,800
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	6,135	Wood, cords .....	35
Nursery stock, pounds.....	295	Cooperage, cars .....	37
Dried fruit, pounds. ....	2,920	Cross ties .....	12,400
Wool, pounds.....	3,274	Piling, feet .....	840,000
Game, pounds. ....	11,557	Logs, feet .....	5,000
Lard, pounds.....	12,275	Lumber, feet.....	9,993,600
Dressed meat, pounds.....	6,162	Small fruits, crates. ....	515

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 9586; mostly native; scattered throughout the county are many churches of different denominations, and 39 county schools. There are a number of summer resorts in the mountains which are well patronized during the summer months by St. Louisians; Arcadia is the best known.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—During the summer the climate is delightful; the health of the people is very good. Both timber and farm land very cheap; railroad facilities good; bulk of crops raised within easy reach of markets. Among a number of towns is Ironton, the county seat.

IRONTON, with a population about 1100, is beautifully situated in the Ozark mountains; its climate is delightful during the summer months; no more delightful place in Missouri to spend the heated term than in the Arcadian valley; the people are hospitable, industrious and intelligent, and several churches, schools and fraternal lodges are supported by them. There are many stores at which all needful articles can be purchased. One of the largest hub factories in the State is located here and doing a profitable business; a woolen mill and wagon factory are also being successfully operated here.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Iron county has 331,154 acres assessed at \$1,047,700; her town lots are assessed at \$308,900; personal property assessed at \$445,585; total assessed value of property, \$1,802,185. Assessed values are 34.05 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$5,292,760.

Iron county's personal property consists mainly of—

1,916 horses, assessed at \$29.30 per head ; total.....	\$54,235
847 mules, assessed at \$31.09 per head ; total.....	26,340
5,103 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.83 per head ; total.....	45,100
3,531 sheep, assessed at \$1.09 per head ; total.....	3,880
5,320 hogs, assessed at \$1.26 per head ; total.....	6,730
Money, notes and bonds. ....	191,420
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	39
Number of teachers.....	46
Number of pupils.....	2,154
Amount spent on school.....	\$14,924.83
Permanent school fund.....	7,915.46

### JACKSON COUNTY.

Population, 175,000.

Central West Missouri, on Kansas state line—Traversed by Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Kansas City & Southern, Missouri Pacific and Chicago & Alton.

**SOIL**—Rich loam and very productive; the bottom lands are well adapted for the raising of all grains; good quality of yellow clay is found for brick and tiling; limestone in abundance and extensively used; coal is mined for the general markets.

**WATER**—The Missouri river borders the northern part of the county and many good wells, cisterns and small creeks are to be found throughout the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, macadamized and in good order; road tax, 5 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, walnut and hickory sufficient for home consumption.

**FUEL**—Coal, \$3 per ton; wood, \$3.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land averages \$50; timber, \$15 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply fairly good; condition, good; wages, \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; time of growth, 4 months; yield per acre, 30 bushels; selling price last year, 20 cents per bushel; average price for five years past, 30 cents; railroad facilities for handling crops, first class; other grains grow to advantage; small fruits and vegeta-

bles yield abundantly ; cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	22,303	Dried fruit, pounds.....	362,225
Horses and mules, head .....	1,029	Wool, pounds.....	7,588
Hogs, head .....	61,030	Honey, pounds.....	400
Sheep, head .....	5,676	Fish, pounds.....	6,060
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	88	Tallow, pounds.....	2,500
Wheat, bushels.....	230,400	Dressed meat, pounds.....	4,580
Corn, bushels .....	380,262	Cheese, pounds.....	825
Oats, bushels .....	32,800	Butter, pounds.....	17,247
Mixed grain, bushels.....	8,636	Eggs, dozen.....	53,350
Flour, barrels.....	89,127	Poultry, pounds.....	152,300
Bran, pounds.....	1,410,000	Hides, pounds .....	2,936
Hay, bales.....	52,380	Junk, pounds .....	240,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	860	Fire clay, cars .....	45
Onions, bushels.....	300	Tile, cars .....	24
Seed, bushels .....	9,000	Coal, tons.....	140
Apples, bushels.....	78,255	Wood, cords.....	917
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	288,000	Charcoal, cars.....	2
Small fruits, pounds.....	2,091	Cooperage, cars .....	50
Nursery stock, pounds.....	1,890,000	Logs, feet.....	5,000
Molasses, gallons .....	1,340	Lumber, feet.....	30,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 175,000 ; all the Protestant denominations and Catholic churches are represented by many houses of worship throughout the county ; 129 county schools ; lodges of fraternal organizations, Knights of Pythias, Masons and Odd Fellows and A. O. U. W.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good, healthy climate ; land rich ; prices moderate ; good class of inhabitants, progressive and up to date in every way. Railroad facilities very good ; bulk of crops raised within a few miles of markets ; population increasing rapidly each year ; people are well to do and invite honest immigration ; capital will find many opportunities for investment ; homeseekers can find no better county in the State in which to settle. Among many well known towns is the county seat, Independence.

**INDEPENDENCE**—Population, 7000 ; beautifully situated on the Missouri Pacific and Chicago & Alton railroads ; abundantly supplied with water from water works ; well paved streets ; sidewalks in good order ; lighted by gas and electricity ; many beautiful churches and colleges ; blocks of substantial stores and avenues of costly resi-

dences ; four banks ; factories ; many lodges, and a fine opening for any manufacturing business, are a few of the many desirable points Independence has to offer as a place for business or residence. This charming city is only 30 minutes ride from Kansas City; its citizens are of the very best and possess considerable wealth ; fire and police protection ; water and gas mains all over the city ; electric towers ; telephone and telegraph offices are some of the conveniences of the city.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Jackson county has 363,172 acres assessed at \$13,285,550 ; her town lots are assessed at \$45,689,035 ; personal property assessed at \$13,284,900 ; total assessed value of property, \$72,259,-485. Assessed values are 30.12 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$239,905,328.

Jackson county's personal property consists mainly of—

18,786 horses, assessed at \$21.29 per head ; total.....	\$400,045
4,272 mules, assessed at \$22.55 per head ; total.....	96,345
21,419 neat cattle, assessed at \$15.01 per head ; total.....	324,903
7,371 sheep, assessed at \$1.19 per head ; total.....	8,840
36,186 hogs, assessed at \$2.96 per head ; total.....	107,187
Money, notes and bonds .....	3,063,777
School in 1894 .....	129
Teachers .....	202
Pupils.....	8,446
Amount spent on schools.....	\$518,131.95
Permanent school fund.....	177,576.83

## JASPER COUNTY.

Population, 59,741.

Southwest Missouri, on western State line ; traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco, Missouri Pacific, Kansas City, Fort Scott & Gulf and Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroads ; 60 miles west of Springfield ; 130 miles south of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Soil of the bottom, valley and low-lying prairie lands is a black loam, the sub-soil being lime-stone with gravel ; uplands, red or mulatto soil. Greater part of county gently rolling ; the valleys along the streams are timbered ; it is not as rough as is generally thought to be on account of being on the slope of the Ozark. Estimated to be about 2000 acres of coal land in northwest part ; clays for pottery and brick ; abundance of lime-stone is quarried and shipped each year. Three-fourths of all the zinc produced in the United States comes from the mines of Jasper county, and its lead-ore product forms a large percentage of the entire product of the country.

**WATER**—Wells and springs. Spring river and Center creek, with many small streams, flow through the county; over 250 miles of running streams and 1000 clear crystal springs, make the water supply abundant.

**ROADS**—Two hundred miles of highways graded and graveled; over 42 bridges span the stream; no better roads in the State.

**TIMBER**—Found along the streams, mostly oak, hickory, elm and walnut; some walnut shipped.

**FUEL**—Coal, \$2.50 to \$3 per ton. Wood, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$30 to \$60 per acre, according to location; timber land, \$10 to \$15 per acre; mineral land, \$100 to \$2000 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient for demand; condition, good; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat and corn. Time of growth, wheat, fall to spring; corn, April to September; yield per acre, wheat, from 14 to 24 bushels; corn, 30 to 80 bushels; selling price last year, corn, 20 cents; wheat, 60 cents; average price for five years past, wheat 62 cents; corn, 30 cents; oats, 20 cents. Flax, sorghum, millet, clover-timothy, fruits and vegetables are raised to advantage. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised, but shipped to a small extent only, owing to the large home consumption. Apples, small fruit and vegetables, fresh and canned, bring large returns to producers.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	3,429	Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	96,000
Horses and mules, head .....	582	Strawberries, crates.....	12,817
Hogs, head .....	8,202	Nursery stock, crates.....	60,239
Sheep, head .....	555	Canned goods, pounds .....	1,055,000
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	31	Cider, gallons .....	4,000
Wheat, bushels .....	559,300	Dried fruit, pounds.....	26,586
Corn, bushels .....	25,825	Wool, pounds .....	1,380
Oats, bushels.....	54,500	Game, pounds .....	20,664
Mixed grain, bushels.....	9,800	Tallow, pounds.....	10,480
Flour, barrels .....	228,915	Dressed meat, pounds .....	41,440
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	7,530,000	Butter, pounds.....	54,913
Bran, pounds .....	1,830,000	Eggs, dozen .....	59,550
Hay, bales.....	47,880	Poultry, pounds .....	320,842
Potatoes, bushels.....	2,751	Hides, pounds .....	518,168
Onions, bushels.....	221	Junk, pounds .....	900,000
Seed, bushels.....	23,411	Building brick, cars.....	142
Nuts, bushels .....	115	Stone, cars .....	651

Lead, tons.....	15,330	Ballast, cars .....	5,306
Zinc, tons.....	55,380	Piling, feet .....	18,000
Coal, tons .....	600	Logs, feet .....	25,000
Lime, barrels .....	103,650	Lumber, feet.....	992,000
Cross ties.....	2,400		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 59,741; mostly Americans; churches, schools, colleges and newspapers are numerous; a cultured society ever ready to make it agreeable to the right class of home-seekers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health, good; land cheap; people progressive; manufacturing interests large; extensive mining interests; finest court-house in the State; no bonded indebtedness; fine general farming section and no malaria or stagnant water, account for a few of the many advantages and attractions offered by this county.

CARTHAGE is the county seat. Population, 11,000; situated on the Missouri Pacific and San Francisco railroads; abundantly supplied with the best of water from water works; beautiful and well-graded streets; sidewalks of brick, stone, and most brilliantly lighted by gas and electricity. Taxes—town, 95 cents; county, 50 cents; State, 25 cents, and school, 90 cents. Considering the size of this city, it is not excelled by any city in the State in point of elegant residences, beautiful streets and the wealth and refinement of its citizens.

**ADVANTAGES**—Carthage has blocks of handsome business houses, many stores stocked with goods, large manufacturing and mining interests. Owing to cheapness of raw material and railroad facilities, any manufacturing plant would prove profitable. There are many beautiful churches and schools, five flourishing banks, lodges of all popular fraternal societies.

JOPLIN AND WEBB CITY in the extreme southwest of county, in the center of the mining district, with over 25,000 inhabitants, are wealthy and prosperous cities.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Jasper county has 400,934 acres assessed at \$4,682,473; her town lots are assessed at \$3,886,245; personal property assessed at \$2,796,090; total assessed value of property, \$11,364,-808. Assessed values are 32 99 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$34,449,251.

Jasper county's personal property consists mainly of—

15,030 horses, assessed at \$22.93 per head; total.....	\$344,639
2,622 mules, assessed at \$25.41 per head; total.....	66,635
15,849 neat cattle, assessed at \$12.69 per head; total .....	201,175
2,981 sheep, assessed at \$1.08 cents per head; total .....	3,220
17,526 hogs, assessed at \$2.64 per head; total .....	46,273
Money, notes and bonds.....	565,546
Number of schools operated in 1891.....	142
Number of teachers.....	275
Number of pupils.....	14,531
Amount spent for school .....	\$167,858.60
Permanent school fund .....	203,669.92

### -JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Population, 24,358.

**Central Eastern Missouri**—Traversed by St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern and Mississippi River & Bonne Terre railroads; 30 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—The bottoms have a black loam and is very productive; hills more or less clay. The land is somewhat broken by a succession of hills and valleys; fine quality of clay mined at Regina for making queensware and terra cotta; limestone for building is found; also lead, which is extensively mined; there are large deposits of white sand suitable for the manufacturing of glass.

**WATER**—Cisterns, wells and springs; Meramec river along the north line; Big river and many creeks flow throughout the county.

**ROADS**—Rock, gravel and dirt; all in good condition; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—All the varieties of oak, hickory, ash, walnut, eycamore and cottonwood.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1.75 to \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$15 to \$40; timber land, \$7 to \$12 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient; condition, good; wages, from \$10 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; average time of growth, May to September; yields 30 bushels per acre; average selling price last year, 20 to 25 cents per bushel; oats, hay, potatoes, fruits and vegetables yield abundantly; oats, 30 bushels; wheat, 12 bushels; hay, 2 tons per acre. All the well-known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised to advantage and numbers shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,055	Dressed meat, pounds .....	24,540
Horses and mules, head.....	16	Butter, pounds.....	6,861
Hogs, head .....	5,139	Eggs, dozen .....	8,260
Sheep, head .....	463	Poultry, pounds.....	10,662
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	8	Hides, pounds.....	33,725
Wheat, bushels.....	46,008	Junk, pounds.....	2,720
Corn, bushels .....	970	Fire clay, cars.....	9
Oats, bushels.....	800	Building brick, cars.....	39
Flour, barrels .....	18,309	Cement, cars.....	15
Hay, bales .....	540	Sand, cars .....	10
Potatoes, bushels.....	304	Stone, cars .....	88
Seed, bushels.....	100	Lime, barrels .....	87,600
Small fruit, crates .....	284	White sand, cars .....	362
Wool, pounds .....	8,549	Gravel, cars.....	233
Fish, pounds .....	82,144	Wood, cords .....	1,750
Lard, pounds .....	3,411	Cooperage, cars .....	8
Tallow, pounds .....	13,992	Lumber, feet .....	81,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 24,358; American, Irish, German, Bohemians and English; churches of various denominations and 92 county schools; the people are hospitable, refined and industrious.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good; one of the most healthy regions in the State. In proportion to fertility land is very cheap; many streams of pure, clear water throughout the county; the people are energetic, well to do and honest. Railroad facilities are good; capital can find many good investments; the right class of immigration is heartily welcomed. The **county seat** is Hillsboro.

**HILLSBORO**—Is about 7 miles from DeSoto; situated among hills and valleys a little way from railroad station; its society is refined and cultured; the people are hospitable; the stores are well filled with desirable goods. Streets in poor order; sidewalks in good condition. A flourishing bank, a creamery, a flour mill, churches, schools and lodges are a few of its many advantages as a place of residence.

**DESOTO**, on I. M. & S; 5000 inhabitants; largest town in county; R. R. car works and many other industries; a desirable place to make a permanent home.

**CRYSTAL CITY**, on Mississippi river, has large French plate glass works.

**FESTUS**, adjoining the former, is a young progressive town, with favorable prospects.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Jefferson county has 409,928 acres assessed at \$2,412,289; her town lots are assessed at \$810,079; personal property assessed at \$1,285,961; total assessed value of property, \$4,508,329. Assessed values are 35 51 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$12,695,941.

Jefferson county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,423 horses, assessed at \$20.94 per head; total.....	\$134,530
2,659 mules, assessed at \$22.27 per head; total.....	59,202
14,000 neat cattle; assessed at \$9.24 per head; total .....	139,430
5,714 sheep, assessed at \$1.01 per head; total.....	5,796
24,291 hogs, assessed at \$1.38 per head; total .....	33,720
Money, notes and bonds .....	605,078
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	92
Number of teachers .....	115
Number of pupils .....	5,482
Amount spent for schools .....	\$40,112.23
Permanent school fund .....	27,911.14

## JOHNSON COUNTY.

Population, 28,132.

Central Western Missouri; traversed by Missouri Pacific and M., K. & T. railroads; 80 miles west of Jefferson City; 50 miles southeast of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Rolling prairie; timbered along streams; the bottom lands are rich and very productive; coal is extensively mined; sandstone plentiful, large amount quarried and shipped.

**WATER**—Wells, springs and cisterns; Blackwater river and a number of creeks give an abundance of water.

**ROADS**—Good dirt roads, well graded and kept in good order; road tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, walnut and elm grow in sufficient quantities to supply home consumption.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2.50 to \$3 per cord; coal, \$1.75 to \$2.50 a ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$20 to \$40; timber land, \$10 to \$15 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply, equal to demand; condition, good; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, oats, hay, flax and clover; small fruits and vegetables; corn yields 30 bushels, wheat 15 to 40 bushels; corn averaged 17 cents last year and for five years past, 27½ cents per

bushel; railroad facilities for handling crops, good; bulk of crops raised near market; dairy and beef cattle are raised; some sheep and a large number of hogs shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	5,805	Molasses, gallons.....	5,294
Horses and mules, head .....	120	Dried fruit, pounds.....	396
Hogs, head.....	22,314	Wool, pounds .....	10,780
Sheep, head.....	4,770	Tallow, pounds.....	9,870
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	35	Butter, pounds.....	23,712
Wheat, bushels .....	200,400	Eggs, dozen .....	146,880
Corn, bushels .....	251,400	Poultry, pounds .....	412,448
Oats, bushels.....	19,200	Feathers, pounds.....	1,240
Flour, barrels .....	3,154	Hides, pounds.....	23,846
Bran, pounds .....	360,000	Coal, tons.....	1,760
Hay, bales.....	12,060	Walnut logs, feet.....	10,000
Seed, bushels.....	16,590	Logs, feet.....	20,000
Apples, bushels.....	4,047	Cross ties .....	200
Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	43		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 28,132; native mostly, with some Germans; many churches with various denominations and 153 schools are scattered throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good; health, above the average; land cheap; fine timber. Many opportunities for an investment of capital in coal mines. Inhabitants peaceful and well to do; first-class immigration is cordially welcomed; homeseekers are assured of a pleasant abode in Johnson county. Among a number of towns is Warrensburg, the well-known county seat.

**WARRENSBURG**—Population, 6500; situated on Missouri Pacific railroad; abundantly supplied with water from water works; macadamized streets; stone and brick sidewalks; lighted by electricity. Average total city tax, 70 cents; county, 96 cents; State, 25 cents on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Warrensburg has 11 beautiful churches, three public schools and a well-known State normal school. Three flourishing banks, many fraternal lodges, blocks of elegant and well-stocked stores; broom factory and flour mill. Besides the railroad towns there are a number of "inland" towns, among them Columbus, Elm, Pittville, Burtville, Fayetteville and Hoffman.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Johnson county has 517,197 acres assessed at \$5,102,215; her town lots are \$1,431,820; personal property,

\$2,433,655; total assessed value of property, \$8,972,690. Assessed values are 38.27 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$23,415,753.

Johnson county's personal property consists mainly of—

13,265 horses, assessed at \$25.48 per head ; total.....	\$338,014
4,515 mules, assessed at \$28.62 per head ; total.....	129,262
24,321 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.99 per head ; total.....	340,428
5,631 sheep, assessed at 99 cents per head ; total.....	5,615
36,327 hogs, assessed at \$2.95 per head ; total.....	107,267
Money, notes and bonds .....	728,004
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	153
Number of teachers.....	204
Number of pupils.....	7,448
Amount spent for school.....	\$59,987.72
Permanent funds.....	87,253.21

## KNOX COUNTY.

Population, 13,728.

Northeast Missouri; traversed by A., T. & Santa Fe and Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City railroads; 110 miles northeast of Jefferson City; 140 miles north of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Undulating prairie, very rich and productive; good bottom lands about the streams. Brick clay is found and used for railroad ballast. For general farming the soil is of the best in the State.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs; South Fabius, Middle Fabius, Salt river and many creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads, in fair condition; tax, 15 cents on \$100 valuation; poll-tax, \$2.

**TIMBER**—About 10 per cent of the area of the county covered with fine growth of oak, hickory, elm and walnut.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal; wood, \$2.50 per cord; coal, \$1.75 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$20 to \$30 per acre; timber land, about \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply and condition good; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; average time of growth, May to September; yield per acre, 40 bushels; price last year, 20 cents; average for five years previous, 35 cents per bushel; bulk of crop raised within easy reach of markets. Besides corn, oats, wheat, rye, millet, timothy,

sorghum, tobacco and all kinds of fruits and vegetables are grown. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, horses and mules, head.....	11,104	Wool, pounds .. . . . .	44,830
Hogs and sheep, head.....	32,580	Butter, pounds.....	8,685
Mixed live-stock, cars .. . . .	3	Eggs, dozen .. . . . .	570,210
Wheat, bushels .. . . . .	1,200	Poultry, pounds .. . . . .	1,878,239
Corn and oats, bushels. . . . .	41,050	Feathers, pounds.....	2,270
Seed, bushels.....	11,200	Nursery stock, pounds.....	113,200
Hay, bales .. . . . .	15,660	Lumber, feet .. . . . .	108,000
Ship-stuff, pounds .. . . . .	72,050	Junk, pounds.....	150,000
Flour, barrels .. . . . .	65	Cooperage, cars .. . . . .	3
Apples, barrels .. . . . .	507	Ties.....	4,400
Hides, pounds .. . . . .	42,456		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 13,728; 70 per cent native, 25 per cent Irish and 5 per cent German. All the different Protestant and Catholic churches are represented and 82 schools scattered about the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good healthy climate; people progressive and well to do, honest and law abiding; lands fertile and cheap; finest poultry county in State. The right class of immigrants are welcomed; homeseekers can find a sure footing without much trouble in Knox county. There are a number of thriving inland towns throughout the county besides the railroad towns; among them are Novelty, Locust Hill, Newark and Greensburg. The county seat is Edina.

**EDINA**—Population, 1600; situated on Quincy, Omaha and Kansas City railroad; water supply from numerous wells and cisterns; good streets, wood and stone sidewalks; lighted by oil and electricity. Taxes—town, 50 cents; school, 42 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Edina has six churches, Catholic and Protestant; good public schools; three banks, capital \$120,000, deposits \$174,000; lodges of different fraternal societies; a number of stores stocked with goods; wagon and carriage factories, saw-mills, flour mills and brick-yard.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Knox county has 320,724 acres assessed at \$2,517,504; her town lots are assessed at \$222,089; personal property assessed at \$1,056,168; total assessed value of property, \$3,795,761. Assessed values are 28.96 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$13,106,909.

**Knox county's personal property consists mainly of—**

8,398 horses, assessed at \$20.54 per head; total .....	\$172,525
1,407 mules, assessed at \$22.47 per head; total.....	31,635
15,868 neat cattle, assessed at \$11.83 per head; total.....	187,783
3,796 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total.....	3,796
23,699 hogs, assessed at \$2.38 per head; total .....	56,504
Money, notes and bonds.....	352,627
Schools in 1894 .....	82
Teachers .....	114
Pupils.....	3,931
Amount spent on schools .....	\$32,580.44
Permanent school fund .....	36,165.61

**LACLEDE COUNTY.**

Population, 16,289.

**South Central Missouri—Traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco railroad; 60 miles south of Jefferson City and 182 miles southwest of St. Louis.**

**SOIL**—Upland slightly rolling plateau; bottoms generally level and fine lands for the raising of corn and wheat; uplands, limestone, with clay and gravel sub-soil; bottoms, black or dark red loam; very productive; uplands well adapted to the growth of fruits and vegetables, timothy, clover and alfalfa; granite, sand and limestone in abundance; agate and onyx are also found; lead in large quantities in northern part of county; not generally developed.

**WATER**—An abundance of pure limestone water in wells and cisterns. A number of springs are found throughout the county; Big Niangua, Gasconade and Osage Fork of Gasconade rivers and many creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads, in fair order; 10 cents on \$100 valuation; poll-tax, \$4.

**TIMBER**—White and black oak, burr oak and black jack, hickory, maple and walnut used for ties, fuel, fencing, bridge timber, shingles, wagon furniture and woodenware.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 per cord; coal, \$7 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$2.50 to \$40; timber, \$1.25 to \$10 per acre. There is considerable government land for sale at \$1.25 an acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Full supply; condition, good; wages, from \$8 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, five months; yield per acre, 40 bushels; selling price last year, 20 cents per bushel; average

selling price for five years past, 30 cents per bushel; wheat, 18 bushels; corn, 40 bushels; hay, timothy and clover, two tons per acre; red-top, 1½ tons; oats, 45 bushels; potatoes, 80 bushels per acre; fruit and vegetables grow in profusion; all the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised; the sheep industry is increasing each year. Orchards have been laid out so rapidly that in a couple of years fruit will be the leading product of Laclede.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	2,188	Fruits and vegetables, pounds .....	9,805
Horses and mules, head .....	400	Wool, pounds .....	20,710
Hogs, head .....	3,286	Game, pounds.....	132,784
Sheep, head .....	2,709	Butter, pounds.....	3,907
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	216	Eggs, dozen .....	273,460
Wheat, bushels .....	54,005	Poultry, pounds .....	613,241
Corn, bushels .....	86	Feathers, pounds .....	4,548
Mixed grain, bushels.....	15,805	Hides, pounds.....	7,735
Flour, barrels.....	9,950	Junk, pounds .....	150,000
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	120,000	Cross ties.....	11,000
Hay, bales .....	900	Lumber, feet .....	180,000
Tobacco, pounds .....	475		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,289; many churches of different denominations, and 89 county schools are scattered about the county; also, lodges of Patrons of Husbandry. The well known newspaper, "The Sentinel," published in Lebanon, has a large circulation, and has the reputation of being the best paper in Laclede county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Land, fertile and cheap; Laclede is in the western border of the Ozark plateau, and is noted for its pure, dry, health giving ozone; its people are intelligent, enterprising and liberal; they will extend to those who come with the honest purpose of helping to develop this magnificent country a cordial welcome. Among a number of thriving towns is the county seat, Lebanon.

**LEBANON**—Population, 2500; situated on St. Louis & Santa Fe; water supply from wells and cisterns and live springs; wide and well graded streets; sidewalks of brick, stone and wood; lighted by electricity and oil.

**ADVANTAGES**—Ten beautiful houses of worship; two high graded schools; two flourishing banks, aggregate capital \$50,000, and a deposit of \$120,000; lodges of the well known fraternal societies; a number of elegant and well stocked stores, merchant mill, buggy and carriage factories.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING** for canning and creamery factories. Besides the railroad towns there are a number of "inland" towns, among them Newburg, Nebo, Dry Knob and Orla.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Laclede county has 415,019 acres assessed at \$1,369,405; her town lots are assessed at \$309,450; personal property assessed at \$604,605; total assessed value of property, \$2,283,-460. Assessed values are 35.06 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$6,513,006.

Laclede county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,515 horses, assessed at \$19.48 per head; total.....	\$126,960
1,851 mules, assessed at \$19.12 per head; total.....	35,395
11,921 neat cattle, assessed at \$8 64 per head; total.....	103,105
10,592 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total .....	10,592
21,413 hogs, assessed at \$1.11 per head; .....	23,930
Money, notes and bonds.....	159,675
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	89
Number of teachers.....	114
Number of pupils.....	5,091
Amount spent for schools.....	\$27,567.89
Permanent school fund.....	23,045.17

## LAFAYETTE COUNTY.

Population, 32,421.

Western Central Missouri; on southern bank of Missouri river; traversed by two branches of the Missouri Pacific and C. & A. railroads; 36 miles east of Kansas City; 190 miles west of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Along the river bluffs broken and hilly; bluffs 100 to 225 feet above river, and covered with a layer of fertile loam, some 18 to 22 feet deep; bottoms flat and sandy; back from river diversified prairie and timber land, rolling or gently undulating. Almost the entire county is underlaid with coal; mined extensively at Lexington and Higginsville. Potter and brick clays, blue and white limestone and some sandstone are found.

**WATER**—Many wells, cisterns and springs in northern part; Missouri river borders the north line; Big and Little Sine, Tabo and many smaller streams flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition. Poll tax, \$4.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, mulberry, ash, maple, walnut and elm, used only for home consumption.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal. Coal, \$2 per ton. Wood, \$3 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farming land, \$30 to \$60 per acre. Timber land, from \$20 to \$40.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient of white and black; condition good; wages, \$16 to \$20 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat; time of growth, fall to spring; average yield per acre 14 bushels; price obtained last year 60 cents; for five years previous average 65 cents. Railroad facilities for handling crops very good. Bulk of crop raised near markets. Corn, rye, barley, potatoes, tobacco, broom-corn, sorgum, hemp, timothy and clover, are grown to advantage. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised, and large shipments made each year. Hogs constitute one of the chief resources of the county.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	18,173	Small fruits, crates and baskets ....	433
Horses and mules, head .....	1,740	Fruits and vegetables, pounds ....	1,680,000
Hogs, head.....	189,183	Canned goods, pounds .....	1,360,000
Sheep, head.....	4,143	Cider, gallons .....	8,000
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	58	Dried fruit, pounds.....	2,945
Wheat, bushels .....	567,600	Wool, pounds.....	7,464
Corn, bushels.....	471,900	Dressed meat, pounds.....	8,668
Oats, bushels.....	104,400	Butter, pounds .....	161,248
Mixed grain, bushels.....	15,638	Eggs, dozen .....	72,360
Flour, barrels.....	112,746	Poultry, pounds.....	515,933
Corn meal, pounds .....	120,000	Tile, cars .....	9
Ship stuff, pounds .....	6 451,000	Building brick, cars .....	77
Hay, bales.....	13,860	Coal, tons.....	191,360
Potatoes, bushels.....	4,173	Cooperage, cars .....	29
Seed, bushels.....	6,442	Walnut logs, feet .....	25,000
Apples, bushels .....	48,663	Lumber, feet.....	702,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 32,421; principally Americans and Germans. Churches of different denominations and 115 schools are scattered throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The soil is specially productive in the cultivation of small fruits and vegetables; land is cheap and fertile; population, thrifty and in good financial condition; one of the healthiest counties in the State. The people are refined, moral, intellectual and give a hearty welcome to all new comers. Among a number of towns is Lexington, the delightful county seat.

**LEXINGTON**—With a population of 5,000; situated most beautifully on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri river; drainage, perfect; abundantly supplied with water from the river by water works; macadamized streets, in good condition; sidewalks of brick, stone and

cement; lighted by gas and electricity. Town tax, 90 cents on \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Lexington has 13 beautiful houses of worship, four public schools, three female colleges and one military academy; five banks with an aggregate capital of \$270,000; deposits, \$750,000; lodges, Masonic, Knights of Pythias, A. O. U. W. Blocks of elegant stores and avenues of beautiful residences. There are many manufacturing industries and a fine business opening for paper mill, pipe factory and agricultural implement store.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Lafayette county has 390,274 acres assessed at \$5,174,645; her town lots are assessed at \$1,130,520; personal property assessed at \$2,539,095; total value of property assessed at \$8,844,260. Assessed values are 32.04 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$27,603,807.

Lafayette county's personal property consists mainly of—

12,078 horses, assessed at \$25.21 per head; total.....	\$304,600
4,858 mules, " 27.95 "	135,820
23,957 neat cattle, " 14.52 "	348,000
3,717 sheep, " 1.35 "	5,040
28,895 hogs, " 3.34 "	96,765
Money, notes and bonds.....	808,285
Schools in 1894 .....	115
Teachers.....	174
Pupils.....	7,400
Amount spent on schools.....	\$63,301.74
Permanent school fund.....	79,470 30

### LAWRENCE COUNTY.

Population, 30,551.

Southwest Missouri; traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco and Aurora branch of the Kansas City, F. S. and M.; 30 miles from Springfield; 145 miles south of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—1400 feet above level of the sea; numerous valleys of rich loam, very productive; the prairies and timber uplands yield good crops; fine soil for grasses, especially red clover; a fine quality of fire clay is found, also sandstone and limestone. Lead and zinc ores are abundant and extensively mined.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs; number of large springs throughout the county; Spring river and many creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Mostly dirt, in fair condition. Poll tax, three days' work or 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Principally oak and hickory; some walnut, elm and maple; sufficient for home consumption.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farming land, \$20 to \$50. Timber land, \$7 to \$15. Mineral land, \$150 to \$500 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Sufficient for demand of both white and black; condition, good; wages, \$15 to \$18 with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat, corn, oats, flax and grasses grow and yield abundantly; small fruits and vegetables are very productive. Fine county for poultry raising; all the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,074	Poultry, pounds .....	412,584
Horses and mules, head .....	100	Apples, bushels.....	102
Hogs, head .....	4,060	Canned goods, pounds.....	306,520
Sheep, head .....	410	Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	1,463
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	171	Game, pounds .....	28,855
Bran, pounds.....	648,000	Tallow, pounds.....	9,658
Wheat, bushels .....	189,200	Wool, pounds .....	4,580
Corn, bushels.....	5,056	Hides, pounds .....	61,663
Flour, barrels.....	156,900	Lead ore, tons .....	4,720
Hay, bales.....	540	Zinc ore, tons.....	19,220
Flax, pounds.....	90,000	Lime, barrels .....	32,400
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	3,600,000	Lumber, feet.....	54,000
Butter, pounds.....	6,356	Ties.....	1,400
Eggs, dozen.....	444,780		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 30,551; mostly native; large community of Lutheran Germans; many churches and schools are distributed about the county; also some few lodges of fraternal organizations.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good; health, excellent; land fertile and cheap; grazing season long; abundance of good pure water; railroad facilities for moving crops to market, good; people industrious and law-abiding; honest immigration is welcomed. No better county in State for an investment of capital. Among the growing towns is Mt. Vernon, the county seat.

**MT. VERNON**—Population, 1600; situated on the Aurora division of the Kansas City, Fort Smith, Springfield & Memphis railroad; water supply from springs, wells and cisterns; water works in prospect; streets well graded and leading ones macadamized; sidewalks of stone,

brick and board ; taxes—town, 25 cents ; county, 25 cents, and State, 50 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Mt. Vernon has five beautiful churches ; two public schools ; one well known academy ; two flourishing banks ; a number of well stocked stores. A fine business opening for a canning factory, owing to fine crops of fruits and vegetables.

**AURORA AND PEIRCE CITY**, each with over 3500 inhabitants, are prosperous mining towns in southern part of county.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Lawrence county has 368,168 acres assessed \$2,373,340 ; her town lots are assessed at \$769,905 ; personal property assessed at \$1,468,066 ; total assessed value of property, \$4,611,311. Assessed values are 24.34 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$18,945,402

Lawrence county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,434 horses, assessed at \$21.77 per head ; total.....	\$227,181
3,774 mules, assessed at \$25.40 per head ; total.....	95,874
12,419 neat cattle, assessed at \$9.29 per head ; total.....	115,393
3,030 sheep, assessed at 98c per head ; total .....	2,977
29,687 hogs, assessed at \$1.81 per head ; total. ....	53,926
Money, notes and bonds .....	540,549
Number of schools in 1894.....	108
Number of teachers.....	163
Number of pupils.....	7,940
Amount spent on schools in 1894.....	\$59,286.65
Permanent school fund .....	23,691.71

## LEWIS COUNTY.

Population, 15,940.

Northeast Missouri, on the Mississippi river; traversed by St. L., K. & N. W., Q., O. & K. C. railroads ; 130 miles north of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Rolling timber land ; undulating prairie ; bottom lands of a rich sandy loam ; uplands clay ; clay in quantities suitable for making brick ; limestone is extensively quarried.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs of good pure drinking water. Mississippi river on east side of county ; North and South Fabius and Wyaconda rivers, together with a number of large creeks, flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition ; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—White burr, pine and black oak, hickory, walnut and maple ; railroad ties and hard wood lumber marketed.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2.50 per cord ; coal, \$3 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$40 to \$50 an acre; timber land, \$15 to \$25 an acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Sufficient for demand, both white and black; wages, \$18 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; time of growth, five months; yield per acre, 40 to 75 bushels; selling price last year, 20 cents; average selling price for five years past, 40 cents per bushel; bulk of crop raised near market. Besides corn, wheat, oats and hay are raised in abundance; small fruits and vegetables are grown in profusion; dairy and beef cattle are raised; fine country for sheep; large number of hogs shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	6,679	Dressed meat, pounds .....	88,910
Horses and mules, head .....	999	Butter, pounds .....	8,791
Hogs, head .....	29,817	Eggs, dozen .....	181,260
Sheep, head .....	5,798	Poultry, pounds .....	546,770
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	4	Feathers, pounds .....	186
Wheat, bushels .....	52,200	Hides, pounds .....	15,170
Corn, bushels.....	22,750	Junk, pounds .....	60,000
Oats, bushels.....	65,097	Wood, cords .....	791
Mixed grain, bushels .....	2,100	Cooperage, cars .....	29
Flour, barrels .....	150	Cross ties .....	55,200
Corn meal, pounds .....	82,400	Piling, feet .....	4,500
Hay, bales.....	69,120	Lumber, feet .....	3,983,000
Tobacco, pounds .....	11,015	Canned goods, pounds .....	549,500
Seed, bushels .....	2,400	Pickles, pounds .....	749,000
Wool, pounds .....	109,830		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 15,940; Americans, Germans and some Irish; churches for various denominations and 85 schools are scattered throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthiest location on Mississippi river; abundant growth of all products natural to this section of the coun'try; has the advantage of river and rail transportation; the people are refined, cultured and hospitable; no better educational advantages can be had anywhere; land fertile and cheap; first-class immigration is welcome. Among a number town is Monticello, the county seat.

**MONTICELLO**—Situated about six miles from Quincy, on the Omaha & Kansas City railroad; supplied with water from wells, cisterns and springs; graded streets; wood sidewalks, in good order; churches of different denominations; two fine public school buildings

and a college, and a number of general stores well stocked with goods. While Monticello is not a large place, owing to its healthy climate and delightful scenery, it is a most charming place in which to reside. Besides the railroad towns, there are a number of "inland" towns, among which are Benjamin and Williamstown. Canton and LaGrange are river as well as railroad ports; both are progressive and prosperous.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Lewis county has 319,345 acres assessed at \$2,601,535; her town lots are assessed at \$600,380; personal property assessed at \$1,566,985; total assessed value of property, \$4,768,900. Assessed values are 29.17 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$16,348,645.

Lewis county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,324 horses, assessed at \$14.73 per head; total.. . . . .	\$137,405
2,395 mules, assessed at \$15.42 per head; total..... . . . .	36,940
13,064 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.69 per head; total..... . . . .	178,880
11,992 sheep, assessed at \$1.12 per head; total..... . . . .	13,550
16,464 hogs, assessed at \$2.74 per head; total..... . . . .	45,265
Money, notes and bonds..... . . . .	757,240
Schools in 1894..... . . . .	85
Teachers..... . . . .	101
Pupils. .... . . . .	4,172
Amount spent on schools..... . . . .	\$30,897.13
Permanent school fund .. . . . .	24,751.00

#### LINCOLN COUNTY.

Population, 18,806.

Central Eastern border; traversed by Hannibal, St. Louis & Keokuk and Northwestern railroads; 45 miles north of St. Louis; 70 miles east of Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Western and Southwestern portions level; balance mostly prairie; rolling timbered country well suited for cultivation; bottom lands rich black loam; about 10,000 acres of coal land; very little mined; abundance of glass sand of the finest quality; good supply of building stone extensively quarried; lead and zinc ores are found, but not developed in paying quantities.

**WATER**—Mississippi river borders the east; number of cisterns, wells and springs; plenty of living water throughout the county; Cuivre river, Big Creek and other streams flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Ten miles of gravel, balance dirt, in good condition; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Elm, sycamore, oak, hickory, ash and walnut; some railroad ties are shipped out of the county.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal; wood, \$2 per cord; coal, \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm, \$25; timber land, \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Good; wages, \$14 per month, with board; mostly negroes.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat, corn and oats; average yield per acre, wheat, 25 bushels; corn, 20 bushels; oats, 16 bushels; price last year, wheat, 52 cents; corn, 20 cents; oats, 16 cents; average selling price for five years past, wheat, 60 cents; corn, 35 cents; oats, 20 cents; two-thirds of the county especially adapted for fruit and vegetable culture; small number of dairy cattle; beef cattle, supply and demand good; excellent grasses for sheep which are advantageously raised; large numbers of hogs raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	3,427	Vegetables, pounds.....	4,270
Horses and mules, head .....	323	Butter, pounds .....	2,310
Hogs, head .....	22,927	Eggs, dozen.....	103,500
Sheep, head .....	2,980	Poultry, pounds .....	806,883
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	202	Dressed meat, pounds .....	380
Wheat, bushels .....	639,834	Straw, cars.....	55
Corn, bushels .....	76,700	Lumber, feet.....	486,000
Oats, bushels.....	17,600	Ties .....	29,600
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	410,000	Cooperage, cars .....	630
Flour, barrels.....	2,695	Wood, cords.....	216
Tobacco, pounds.....	5,500	Lime, barrels .....	15,900
Hides, pounds.....	1,051	Junk, pounds.....	60,000
Wool, pounds .....	2,875	Tile, cars .....	7
Dried fruit, pounds.....	100		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 18,806; mostly native born; German settlement in southwestern part; some Irish and Bohemians; over 30 churches of different denominations and 80 schools throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health good; law abiding citizens; land cheap and fertile; people progressive. Crops marketed to advantage by river and rail; bulk of crop grown near market. Railroad facilities for handling grain very good. Among a number of towns is the well known county seat, Troy.

**TROY**—Population, 1200; situated on St. Louis & Hannibal railroad; water from wells and cisterns; macadamized streets; good sidewalks; lighted by coal oil.

**ADVANTAGES**—Troy has 8 churches, two public schools and one college, two banks, four fraternal lodges, many stores, wagon factory, flour mill, elevator and cabinet shop.

A FINE BUSINESS OPENING for laundry and electric light plant. Besides railroad towns is the "inland" town Olney, near county seat.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Lincoln county has 390,811 acres assessed at \$3,042,430; her town lots are assessed at \$361,280; personal property assessed at \$1,290,790; total assessed value of property, \$4,694,500. Assessed values are 38.52 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$12,187,175.

Lincoln county's personal property consists mainly of—

7,970 horses, assessed at \$23.27 per head ; total.....	\$185,465
1,652 mules, assessed at \$22.18 per head ; total.....	36,645
12,799 neat cattle, assessed at \$11 34 per head ; total .....	145,210
5,822 sheep, assessed at \$1.33 per head ; total .....	7,770
26,624 hogs, assessed at \$2.20 per head ; total.....	58,660
Money, notes and bonds.....	613,785
Schools in 1894.....	88
Teachers .....	110
Pupils .....	3,896
Amount spent on schools.....	\$32,066.75
Permanent school fund.....	14,228.13

## LINN COUNTY.

Population, 26,173.

North Central Missouri; some 96 miles northeast of Kansas City; some 180 miles northwest of St. Louis. The Hannibal & St. Joseph, C., B. & Q., A., T. & S. F. and Wabash railroads afford exceptionally good railroad facilities.

**SOIL**—Principally rolling prairie, with black sandy loam; very productive; in eastern portion some broken timber land.

**WATER**—Supply for domestic use is taken from wells and cisterns.

Three creeks, Locust, Yellow and Parsons, traverse the county from north to south.

**ROADS**—Are good. Tax, 15 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory and walnut cover the ridges along the creeks; besides home consumption some lumber is shipped.

**FUEL**—Coal, mined in the county, of good quality; costs \$2.50 per ton; cord wood, \$3.

**COST OF LAND**—Good land demands \$30 to \$35 per acre; timber and pasture land, from \$10 to \$20 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—With a good, full supply, the prices range from \$15 to \$20 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn is the main crop ; yield about 50 bushels to an acre ; very little marketed ; bulk of corn is fed to stock. Oats yield 30 bushels, and hay about two tons to an acre. Wheat is raised only for home consumption. As blue grass is indigenous, cattle raising is a prominent feature. Special care is given to poultry and fruit-raising ; well stocked orchards abound in Linn county, and there is space for more ; small fruit has scarcely been given a fair trial, but, no doubt, would yield handsome profits.

**SURPLUS PRODUCE**—In 1894 Linn county marketed a very handsome surplus as shown in the following table :

Cattle, head.....	18,765	Tobacco, pounds.....	10,000
Horses and mules, head .....	1,414	Cider, gallons.....	28,000
Hogs, head .....	28,082	Butter, pounds.....	41,110
Sheep, head .....	3,330	Eggs, dozen .....	101,880
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	2	Poultry, pounds .....	688,546
Corn, bushels .....	58,582	Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	256
Oats, bushels.....	22,400	Wool, pounds .....	66,697
Hay, bales .....	6,840	Hides, pounds .....	86,599
Flour, barrels.....	2,966	Lumber, feet .....	378,000
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	88,500	Junk, pounds .....	240,000
Seed, bushels .....	4,535	Stone, cars .....	2
Dried fruit .....	48,000	Coal, tons .....	8,180
Apples, bushels.....	23,418	Ties.....	1,600

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Nearly all of the 26,173 inhabitants are Americans. Only of late some few foreign-born citizens have come in ; the newcomer is delighted with the surroundings that meet him in Linn county. Some 42 churches, 101 schools tell of the moral character of the inhabitants. Of fraternal and secret societies there are noted the Masons, the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F. Linn county has to offer rare advantages to the homeseekers ; first of all, a healthy, mild climate, the low price for first-class farm land ; stock raising is and will always be a profitable agricultural pursuit ; apples, pears, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries can be grown, and either shipped fresh to the markets at Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis, or be canned ; the latter is most profitable. Coal underlays much of the county in good workable seams, about 2,500,000 bushels are mined annually.

**LINNEUS**, with some 850 inhabitants, on a branch of the C., B. & Q. railroad, is the county seat.

Marceline, with over 2500 inhabitants, on the A., T. & S. F. railroad, near the southern border of the county, is a young and prosperous town, rapidly pushing its way to the front.

Brookfield, on the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad, with some 8000 inhabitants, is the largest town of the county ; it is surrounded by a rich farming country, and has a large and flourishing retail trade ; streets are wide and well paved, lighted by gas and electricity ; it has water-works, four banking houses, two flour mills, one foundry, one machine shop and one agricultural implement factory. Good stores of all descriptions, and doing a prosperous business.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Linn county has 385,872 acres assessed at \$2,761,200 ; her town lots are assessed at \$1,306,980 ; personal property assessed at \$1,541,376 ; total value of property assessed at \$5,009,556. Assessed values in Linn county are 35.29 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$15,895.596.

Linn county's personal property consists mainly of—

12,877 horses, assessed at \$17.91 per head ; total.....	\$230,543
1,791 mules, assessed at \$16.25 per head ; total.....	29,112
27,421 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.18 per head ; total.....	389,018
7,364 sheep, assessed at 91 cents per head ; total.....	6,729
20,919 hogs, assessed at \$1.78 per head ; total.....	37,336
Money, notes and bonds.....	445,053
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	117
Number of teachers .....	164
Number of pupils.....	6,664
Amount spent on schools in 1894.....	\$59,396.11
Permanent school fund.....	48,369.80

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY.

Population, 20,904.

Central Missouri. Traversed by C., B. & Q., C., M. & St. Paul and Wabash railroads ; 70 miles northeast of Kansas City and 60 miles east of St. Joseph.

**SOIL**—Gently undulating ; about three-fourths of the area prairie ; along the streams it is a rich, black loam and very productive. Some coal is mined. Quantities of brick and potters' clay. Also lime and sandstone are found.

**WATER**—Wells, springs and cisterns of pure good water. Grand river, Shoal creek and West Fork of Medicine creek and other streams flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads, in fair condition.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, elm, sycamore, soft maple, ash and cottonwood used for home consumption.

**FUEL**—Coal, \$2 per ton; wood, \$2.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$15 to \$50 per acre. Timber land, \$15 and upward.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, sufficient for demand; condition, good; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn. Time of growth, April to October; yield per acre, about 40 bushels; selling price last year, 19 cents; average selling price for five years previous, 35 cents. Besides corn, wheat, timothy, clover, small fruits and vegetables yield big crops. Orchards bring handsome returns. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	10,422	Small fruit, crates.....	116
Horses and mules, head.....	380	Nursery stock, pounds.....	16,360
Hogs, head.....	37,862	Furs, pounds.....	222
Sheep, head .....	2,259	Hides, pounds.....	14,735
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	11	Wool, pounds .....	69,836
Wheat, bushels.....	1,800	Game, pounds .....	2,120
Corn, bushels .....	79,958	Butter, pounds .....	26,510
Oats, bushels.....	23,200	Eggs, dozen.....	221,310
Mixed grain, bushels.....	1,400	Poultry, pounds .....	147,507
Hay, bales.....	10,260	Lumber, feet.....	9,000
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	62,160	Wood, cords.....	49
Flour, barrels.....	4,649	Cooperage, cars.....	13
Seed, bushels.....	482	Sand, cars .....	32
Apples, bushels.....	76,048	Junk, pounds .....	60,250

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 20,904; mostly Americans; some Germans and Irish; Protestant and Catholic churches and numerous county schools throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good healthy climate; land cheap; people progressive; railroad facilities first class; crops easily marketed; fine county for pasturing; good stock region; growing of fruit very profitable; good educational and religious advantages; inhabitants intelligent and law abiding; immigration of the right kind invited; among a number of towns is Chillicothe, the county seat.

**CHILlicothe**—Population, 7000; on C. B. & Q. and St. Paul & Wabash railways; city supplied with water from water works; well

graded streets; city park; sidewalks brick, concrete and wood; brilliantly lighted by electricity and gas.

**ADVANTAGES**—Chillicothe has 11 handsome churches of different denominations. The well-known Chillicothe normal and public schools; four flourishing banks; lodges of the popular fraternal societies; blocks of fine stores well stocked with goods; flouring mill, ax handle, stave, box and cigar factories. A fine business opening for canning factory and pottery.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Livingston county has 329,787 acres assessed at \$2,836,843; her town lots are assessed at \$1,227,853; personal property assessed at \$1,571,883; total assessed value of property, \$5,636,579. Assessed values are 37.15 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$15,172,487.

Livingston county's personal property consists mainly of—

13,047 horses, assessed at \$13.85 per head; total.....	\$180,901
1,741 mules, assessed at \$12.72 per head; total.....	22,160
20,608 neat cattle, assessed at \$11.94 per head; total.....	246,080
11,118 sheep, assessed at \$1.02 per head; total.....	11,353
34,913 hogs, assessed at \$1.71 per head; total.....	60,010
Money, notes and bonds.....	469,038
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	102
Number of teachers.....	171
Number of pupils.....	5,688
Amount spent for school.....	\$50,058.31
Permanent school fund.....	113,647.63

## MCDONALD COUNTY.

Population, 13,017.

Extreme Southwest Missouri; traversed by Kansas City & Gulf railroad; 70 miles southwest of Springfield; 170 miles south of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Generally hilly and broken; malatto soil; very productive; valleys unexcelled in fertility; uplands good for cereals and orchards. Good quality of clay for brick; quantities of limestone is found and quarried; indications good for lead, oil and iron, but none developed.

**WATER**—Many springs, cisterns and wells of pure, clear water. Elk river, Little Sugar creek and other streams flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order.

**TIMBER**—Mostly oak. A great deal shipped and used for railroad and mining timber.

**FUEL**—Wood, from 75 cents to \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$5 to \$25 per acre. Timber land is \$3 and upward.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient for demand; condition good; wages, \$10 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat, oats, corn, rye, tobacco and flax, grasses and clover; small fruits and vegetables; the tame grasses and clover do exceedingly well; no better section for general stock raising in the United States, as it is a natural blue grass country. Cattle, sheep and hogs are largely raised and shipped each year.

Wheat yields 20 bushels; corn, 35 bushels; oats, 25 bushels per acre.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	729	Butter, pounds.....	117
Hogs, head.....	4,243	Eggs, dozen.....	79,470
Sheep, head.....	900	Poultry, pounds.....	29,563
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	3	Feathers, pounds.....	3,050
Wheat, bushels.....	81,000	Junk, pounds.....	30,000
Corn, bushels.....	650	Sand, cars.....	34
Oats, bushels.....	800	Stone, cars.....	173
Flour, pounds.....	2,100	Wood, cords.....	536
Corn meal, pounds.....	30,055	Cross ties.....	70,400
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	104,050	Piling, feet.....	30,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	150	Posts, feet.....	960,000
Onions, bushels.....	1,750	Logs, feet.....	276,000
Tallow, pounds.....	1,100	Lumber, feet.....	123,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGE**—Population, 13,017; principally Americans; a few Germans; Protestant churches and schools are scattered about the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health, excellent; climate, mild; crops never fail; soil very productive; fine region for raising fruits and vegetables; abundance of good, pure water; the mineral prospects of the county are very flattering, investors with capital are sure of reaping large profits on investments in the near future; fine railroad facilities for handling crops; immigration of the right kind receives a hearty welcome. Among a number of towns is Pineville, the **county seat**.

**PINEVILLE**—Population, 200; situated near Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroads. Pineville is a delightful place for homesekers to settle; its streets and sidewalks are in good order; abundance of water from wells and cisterns; its stores are stocked with goods of all

description; its schools and churches look after the moral and intellectual well being of its citizens; taxes—State, 25 cents; county, 45 cents; school, 50 cents; road, 5 cents. Besides railroad towns are the "inland" towns Rocky Comfort, Piff City and Southwest City, all delightful places in which to reside.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—McDonald county has 286,953 acres assessed at \$894,421. Her town lots are assessed at \$87,760. Personal property assessed at \$464,590. Total assessed value of property at \$1,446,771. Assessed values are 36.69 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,943,229.

McDonald's county personal property consists mainly of—

4,583 horses, assessed at \$25.77 per head; total.....	\$118,150
1,319, mules      "      26.68      "      " .....	35,196
7,248 neat cattle, "      7.86      "      " .....	57,035
7,046 sheep,      "      1.00      "      " .....	7,046
19,033 hogs,      "      1.24      "      " .....	23,616
Money, notes and bonds.....	106,060
Schools in 1894.....	65
Teachers .....	72
Pupils .....	3,201
Amount spent for schools.....	\$15,076.45
Permanent school fund.....	12,089.61

## MACON COUNTY.

Population, 32,751.

Northern Central Missouri ; traversed by Burlington, Wabash and Santa Fe route ; 80 miles north of Jefferson City ; 120 miles northeast of Kansas City ; 140 miles northwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Undulating ; about one-half timber, one-half prairie ; black loam ; along the stream the land is very productive ; many coal mines are extensively worked, producing last year 2,695,600 bushels ; great varieties of clay used for brick, pottery, etc. ; lime and sandstones are found in quantity.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs ; Chariton river and its tributaries and a number of creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair condition, improving each year ; poll tax, \$3.

**TIMBER**—Abundance of oak, elm and hickory ; large shipments of ties and lumber made each year.

**FUEL**—Coal and wood ; coal, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per ton ; wood, \$1.50 to \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$15 to \$40 ; timber land, \$5 to \$15.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply sufficient for demand; condition, good; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Timothy, blue grass, corn, oats, wheat, potatoes small fruits and vegetables; fine country for poultry; grasses of all varieties yield abundantly; cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	10,962	Hides, pounds .....	106,56
Horses and mules, head:.....	1,140	Dried fruit, pounds .....	985
Hogs, head .....	53,276	Seed, bushels.....	988
Sheep, head.....	4,500	Molasses, gallons.....	400
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	42	Tallow, pounds.....	4,720
Wheat, bushels.....	4,800	Butter, pounds.....	24,260
Corn, bushels .....	4,514	Eggs, dozen .....	1,100,010
Oats, bushels.....	2,400	Poultry, pounds.....	876,986
Hay, bales.....	17,820	Feathers, pounds.....	29,360
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	6,000	Lumber, feet.....	1,026,000
Mixed grain, bushels.....	754	Ties.....	25,400
Flour, barrels.....	2,477	Logs, feet.....	40,000
Wool, pounds .....	70,523	Junk, pounds .....	210,000
Tobacco, pounds.....	53,847	Coal, tons.....	321,660
Apples, bushels.....	19,188	Iron ore, cars .....	2

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 32,751; Americans, Germans and Welsh. Churches of all denominations, with lodges of the well-known fraternal organizations and schools scattered throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good and healthy; abundance of good, pure water; fuel, very cheap; lumber, plentiful; land, fertile and cheap; railroad facilities first class; people honest and intelligent; farmers progressive and energetic; crops easily marketed. Coal fields very extensive and worked to advantage. Capital can find many paying investments in this county. Good class of immigration welcomed. Among a number of growing towns is Macon, the county seat.

**MACON**—Population, 3800; situated on Burlington and Wabash railroads; water obtained from Chariton river through water works; good macadamized streets; sidewalks of brick and granite; lighted by gas and electricity. Total town and county taxes, about \$2.

**ADVANTAGES**—Macon has 13 handsome churches, fine system of public schools, some private schools and a well-known military academy. Three banks in flourishing condition; many elegant and well-

stocked stores; wagon, cigar, buggy and broom factories. A fine business opening for a furniture factory.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Macon county has 516,317 acres assessed at \$3,717,897; her town lots are assessed at \$1,037,430; personal property assessed at \$2,207,282; total assessed value of property, \$6,962,609. Assessed values are 35.31 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$19,718,518.

Macon county's personal property consists mainly of—

15,827 horses, assessed at \$22.16 per head ; total .....	\$350,802
4,189 mules, " 20.90; " " ..... 87,767	87,767
21,594 neat cattle, " 13 01 " " ..... 280,976	280,976
7,428 sheep, " 1.04 " " ..... 7,781	7,781
30,431 hogs, " 2 11 " " ..... 64,362	64,362
Money, notes and bonds.....	781,538
Schools in 1894.....	138
Teachers .....	205
Pupils .....	5,943
Amount spent on schools.....	\$60,232.78
Permanent school fund.....	74,408 40

### MADISON COUNTY.

Population, 9464.

Southeast Missouri; 70 miles south of St. Louis; traversed by St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad. Considerable marble is quarried; lead is found in great quantity and mined extensively. St. Francis river flows through the county, which, with many small creeks, completely drains the county.

**SOIL**—Along the streams the soil is rich and productive. Bordering the streams, oak, hickory and walnut timber are found; shipments of timber are made yearly. All the popular breed of cattle, sheep and hogs, are raised and large shipments made each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—The following table shows the surplus products shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	3,177	Ship-stuff, pounds.....	80,000
Horses and mules, head .....	40	Seed, bushels.....	222
Hogs, head.....	1,935	Beeswax, pounds .....	150
Sheep, head .....	1,700	Game, pounds.....	9,000
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	26	Eggs, dozen.....	84,500
Corn, bushels.....	180	Poultry, pounds .....	205,679
Mixed grain, bushels.....	1,200	Feathers, pounds. ....	2,080
Flour, barrels.....	32,400	Lumber, feet.....	4,040,000

**LAND**—Land is cheap and productive; crops easily marketed; people progressive, honest and intelligent; churches and schools are to be found in every district.

**FREDERICKTOWN** is the county seat; it is situated on the Iron Mt. & Southern railroad; population almost 1000; water supply from wells and cisterns; streets well graded and sidewalks in good order; large number of well-selected stores, beautiful churches, a good system of public schools, and many handsome residences, are a few of the many attractions of this delightful county seat.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Madison county has 280,030 acres assessed at \$866,087; her town lots are assessed at \$231,618; personal property assessed at \$441,115; total value of property assessed at \$1,538,856. Assessed values are 38.71 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,969,177.

Madison county's personal property consists mainly of—

2,482 horses, assessed at \$26.77 per head; total.....	\$66,463
1,254 mules, assessed at \$29.57 per head; total.....	37,089
6,013 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.70 per head; total..	52,317
6,774 sheep, assessed at \$1.15 per head; total.....	7,802
9,065 hogs, assessed at \$1.80 p. r head; total.....	16,464
Money, notes and bonds.....	117,875
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	52
Number of teachers in 1894 .....	56
Number of pupils in 1894.....	2,673
Amount expended for schools in 1894.....	\$10,698.64
Permanent school fund.....	3,173.03

### MARIES COUNTY.

Population, 9248.

Central Missouri—24 miles south of Jefferson City; 90 miles southwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Rolling prairie and timber; the land near the streams is of a light sandy loam; very productive; good land for grasses; some clay good for brick; lime and sandstone quarried for home use; lead, zinc and iron of good quality mined to a small extent.

**WATER**—Springs and wells; mostly hard water; Maries and Gasconade river and many creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt; condition, fair; no road tax.

**TIMBER**—Oaks, hickory, ash and walnut. Shipments of ties are made annually.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$15 to \$50 per acre; timber land, \$3 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Abundant; good condition; wages, \$10 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, 4 to 5 months; yield per acre, 50 bushels; selling price last year, 20 cents; average selling price for five years past, 40 cents per bushel; bulk of crop raised convenient to market. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and marketed.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	1,526	Feathers, pounds.....	2,218
Horses and mules, head .....	161	Beeswax, pounds.....	105
Hogs, head.....	5,277	Game, pounds .....	2,150
Sheep, head.....	3,000	Poultry, pounds .....	15,658
Wheat, bushels.....	4,850	Butter, pounds .....	100
Wool, pounds .....	5,600	Eggs, dozen.....	80,780
Hides, pounds .....	4,050	Cheese, pounds .....	400
Potatoes, bushels.....	2,550	Ties.....	8,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 9248; American, German and Irish. Churches of various denominations and 51 schools are in a flourishing condition.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The county has a very healthy climate; soil productive; water supply abundant; fine country for raising small fruits, vegetables and for grazing; cattle, sheep and hogs are raised to advantage; there are a number of thriving towns throughout the county, among which are Van Cleve, Brinkton, Grove Dale, Vichy, Vienna, the county seat.

**VIENNA**—Population, 500. Supplied with water from wells and cisterns; good graded streets, stone and gravel sidewalks. Vienna has Protestant and Catholic churches; fine public schools; a number of well stocked stores; two good newspapers; Masonic and A. O. U. W. lodges. The citizens of Vienna are energetic and honest; people of refinement and culture can find here a delightful society; home-seekers of the right class are given a hearty welcome.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Maries county has 322,022 acres assessed at \$1,049,890; her town lots are assessed at \$30,400; personal property assessed at \$464,035; total assessed value of property, \$1,544,325. Total values are 38 65 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,995,666.

Maries county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,080 horses, assessed at \$16.08 per head; total.....	\$65,644
2,282 mules, assessed at \$16.47 per head; total.....	37,604
10,993 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.97 per head; total.....	98,699
12,123 sheep, assessed at \$1.00 per head; total.....	12,123
22,667 hogs, assessed at \$1.00 per head; total.....	22,667
Money, notes and bonds.....	150,979
Schools in 1894.....	51
Teachers.....	52
Pupils.....	2,512
Amount spent on schools.....	\$10,179.22
Permanent school fund.....	8,416.81

MARION COUNTY.

Population, 26,231.

Northeast; borders the Mississippi river; traversed by St. Louis, Kansas & Northwestern, Hannibal & St. Joe, Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City railroads; 108 miles north of St. Louis; 90 miles northeast of Jefferson City.

SOIL—Undulating wood land and prairie; limestone, alluvial black loam, underlaid with reddish clay, and very productive. Some small veins of coal are found.

WATER—Wells, cisterns and springs; Fabius, South Fabius and North rivers with many creeks flow through the county.

ROADS—50 miles of gravel, balance dirt, in good condition. Tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

TIMBER—White oak, elm, walnut, maple, cherry and hickory; large shipments of staves and hard lumber made annually.

FUEL—Wood, \$3 to \$3.50 per cord; hard coal, \$6, soft coal, \$3 per ton.

COST OF LAND—Farms, \$25 to \$75 per acre; timber land, \$10 to \$20 per acre.

FARM LABOR—Supply, medium; condition, good; wages, \$15 to \$18 per month.

PRINCIPAL CROP—Wheat and corn; time of growth—wheat, eight months; corn, five months; yield per acre—wheat, 18 bushels; corn, 40 bushels; 300,000 bushels of wheat and 520,000 bushels of corn shipped last year; wheat, 55 cents, corn, 20 cents per bushel last year; average selling price for five years past: wheat, 65 cents and corn, 30 cents per bushel; bulk of crops raised convenient to Quincy, Chicago and Hannibal markets. Oats, hay and other cereals, small fruits and

vegetables are raised to advantage. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	2,479	Fruit and vegetables, pounds.....	22,500
Horses and mules, head .....	961	Nursery stock, pounds .....	205
Hogs, head .....	10,797	Wool, pounds .....	40,285
Sheep, head .....	4,048	Fish, pounds.....	20,000
Wheat, bushels.....	17,418	Eggs, dozen .....	23,400
Corn, bushels .....	41,729	Poultry, pounds .....	101,876
Oats, bushels.....	800	Lumber, feet.....	27,720,000
Hay, bales.....	5,040	Wood, cords.....	98
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	1,010,700	Tallow, pounds .....	29,989
Flour, barrels.....	205,458	Lime, barrels .....	205,729
Corn meal, pounds.....	5,000	Building brick, cars .....	47
Bran, bushels .....	8,850	Junk, pounds .....	570,000
Potatoes, pounds. ....	450	Stone, cars.....	47
Apples, bushels .....	198	Staves, pounds.....	1,035,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 26,931, of which 75 per cent are Americans, balance mostly Germans; churches of various denominations, and 66 schools are scattered throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy and pleasant surroundings; productive soil; good schools and churches; society, excellent; climate, medium; elevation, high; crops never fail; railroad facilities first-class; population, thrifty and honest; immigration of the best class welcomed. Besides railroad towns there are the following "inland" towns: West Ely, Warren, Philadelphia, Emerson; situated on the Hannibal & St. Joe. railroad is Palmyra, the county seat.

**PALMYRA**—3000 population; supplied with water through water works; gravel streets; brick, granite, flagging and granitoid pavements; paved gutters; lighted by electricity.

**ADVANTAGES**—Palmyra has many handsome churches of various denominations; a fine system of public schools; a flourishing bank with a capital of \$60,000, and deposits of \$140,000; lodges of the popular fraternal organizations; many well stocked stores; avenues of costly and beautiful residences; many manufacturing industries and a fine opening for a paper mill.

**HANNIBAL**, the sixth largest city in the State, does a large and prosperous business.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Marion county has 276,612 acres assessed at \$3,464,680; her town lots are assessed at \$3,340,750; personal prop-

erty assessed at \$2,170,940; total assessed value of property, \$8,976,370. Assessed values are 40.73 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$22,038,718.

Marion county's personal property consists mainly of—

8,296 horses, assessed at \$21.03 per head; total.....	\$174,475
1,290 mules, assessed at \$21.81 per head; total.....	28,145
8,423 neat cattle, assessed at \$16.16 per head; total.....	136,160
6,488 sheep, assessed at \$1.55 per head; total.....	10,070
17,038 hogs, assessed at \$2.61 per head; total.....	44,520
Money, notes and bonds.....	779,705
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	66
Number of teachers.....	135
Number of pupils.....	5,328
Amount spent for schools.....	\$68,764 88
Permanent school fund.....	26,070.21

### MERCER COUNTY.

Population, 14,581.

North Central border; traversed by Des Moines & Kansas City, and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroads; 100 miles northeast of Kansas City and 200 miles northwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—The greater part of the county is rolling; about one-fifth of the county is timbered; the prairie land is black loam, very productive for the raising of all kinds of grasses; excellent brick clay is found; limestone is quarried for building purposes.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs; east fork of Grand river borders the west side of the county; west fork of Medicine creek and many other smaller creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads, in fair order. Poll tax, one to three days' labor.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, maple, elm and walnut, of which large shipments are made annually, in the shape of lumber, ties, etc.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal. Wood, \$2 per cord. Coal, \$3 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$20 to \$30 per acre. Timber land, \$10 to \$15.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply equal to demand; condition good; wages, \$12 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; grasses grow abundantly, small fruits, vegetables and berries do well. All the well-known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised to advantage. Poultry raising is a great industry and no county in the State is better adapted for it.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	6,966	Game, pounds.....	1,686
Horses and mules, head.....	380	Butter, pounds.....	52,035
Hogs and sheep, head .....	16,110	Eggs, dozen .....	354,930
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	7	Poultry, pounds.....	264,147
Corn, oats, bushels.....	8,050	Feathers, pounds.....	430
Flour, barrels .....	8	Hides, pounds.....	43,950
Hay, bales .....	360	Junk, pounds.....	150,342
Potatoes, bushels.....	900	Sand, cars.....	29
Nuts, bushels .....	60	Stone, cars .....	77
Apples, bushels.....	6,060	Wood, cords.....	182
Fruit and vegetables, pounds.....	8,435	Cooperage, cars.....	11
Nursery stock, pounds.....	9,740	Cross ties .....	4,600
Wool, pounds .....	7,465	Lumber, feet .....	240,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—The population of 14,581 consists of Americans, German and Irish. Churches of various denominations and 89 schools indicate refinement and morality of inhabitants. Mercer county has many advantages to offer homeseekers as a place of residence.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—General health of county good; lands sell cheap; people progressive; bulk of crops raised convenient to market; railroad facilities excellent. No county in the State better suited for general farming; owing to fine pasture of indigenous blue grass, stock can be raised to advantage; paying investments for all those possessing capital and push. Among a number of thriving towns is Princeton, the county seat.

**PRINCETON**—Population, 1500; situated on Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad; abundantly supplied with water from many wells and cisterns. Streets well paved and in good condition; sidewalks in good order and lighted by oil lamps. Taxes—town, 50 cents; county, 50 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Princeton has five handsome houses of worship; two fine public schools; two flourishing banks; lodges of the popular fraternal societies; many well-stocked stores. Besides railroad towns, there are a number of "inland" towns, among them Goshen and Modena.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Mercer county has 388,004 acres assessed at \$2,277,445; her town lots are assessed at \$188,735; personal property assessed at \$1,108,062; total assessed value of property, \$3,574,242. Assessed values are 43.47 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,222,318.

Mercer county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,515 horses, assessed at \$21.25 per head; total .....	\$223,523
723 mules, assessed at \$18.76 per head; total .....	13,565
22,746 neat cattle, assessed at \$15.22 per head; total .....	346,412
3,317 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total.....	3,317
18,059 hogs, assessed at \$2.35 per head; total .....	42,463
Money, notes and bonds .....	315,565
Schools in 1894.....	89
Teachers.....	117
Pupils.....	4,393
Amount spent on schools.....	\$26,413.59
Permanent school fund.....	44,806.60

### MILLER COUNTY.

Population, 16,341.

Central Missouri; traversed by Missouri Pacific railroad; 20 miles south of Jefferson City; 125 miles west of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—The county contains considerable river and creek bottom land, some prairie and the remainder or greater portion is a broken timber land; the bottom lands have a black and clay soil, very rich and productive. West part of county is underlaid with coal; some pockets have been opened showing a wonderful thickness; good clay for bricks; limestone for building, and lead and zinc have been developed in many places.

**WATER**—Springs, wells and cisterns. The county is unexcelled for its fine springs. The Osage river and many large creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt; in fair order. Tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, sycamore, hickory, and walnut. Walnut logs, ties and staves are shipped in large quantities.

**FUEL**—Mostly wood; average price, \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$5 to \$50 per acre, according to location; timber land, \$2 to \$5 per acre.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; time of growth, April to September; yield per acre, 40 bushels; average price per bushel last year, 20 cents; price for five years previous, 35 cents per bushel. Total value of product last year amounted to over \$700,000. Wheat, hay and oats are raised to advantage; small fruits and vegetables grow in profusion. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were raised and shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	2,423	Butter, pounds.....	5,058
Horses and mules, head .....	80	Eggs, dozen .....	77,910
Hogs, head .....	8,440	Poultry, pounds.....	211,263
Sheep, head .....	2,700	Feathers, pounds.....	4,505
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	39	Hides, pounds .....	8,576
Wheat, bushels .....	6,000	Tiff, cars.....	9
Corn, bushels .....	1,050	Lime, barrels .....	1,350
Flour, barrels.....	750	Wood, cords.....	864
Seed, bushels.....	60	Cooperage, cars .....	7
Molasses, gallons.....	740	Cross ties .....	5,600
Wool, pounds .....	210	Walnut logs, feet.....	30,000
Game, pounds.....	5,483		

**SOCIAL ADVENTAGES**—With a population composed of 16,341, honest and industrious Americans and Germans; numerous churches, embracing all denominations, and 80 schools conveniently located. Miller county offers many inducements to homeseekers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—General farming is sure to be productive; lands easily farmed and cheap; considerable interest being manifested in fruit-raising; health, good; county well drained and watered; farms can be purchased on reasonable terms; educational interests, good; inhabitants invite first-class immigration. Among a number of towns is Tuscumbia, the county seat.

**TUSCUMBIA**—What the county seat lacks in the number of inhabitants is more than compensated for in the refinement and culture of its citizens. The town is most beautifully situated on the Osage river, abundantly supplied with water; streets graded and in good condition; sidewalks of board and stone; and with its beautiful houses of worship, fine public school and many stores well stocked with first-class goods, and delightful society; it presents advantages that one would imagine could only be found in a larger place, Tuscumbia is recommended to new comers as a pleasant place to settle.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Miller county has 352,453 acres assessed at \$1,309,242; her town lots are assessed at \$148,344; personal property assessed at \$755,250; total assessed value of property, \$2,212,836. Assessed values are 43.60 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$5,075,311.

**Miller county's personal property consists mainly of—**

5,306 horses, assessed at \$24.05 per head ; total.....	\$127,650
2,294 mules, assessed at \$23.50 per head ; total.....	53,910
12,978 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.82 per head ; total.....	114,565
12,636 sheep, assessed at 98 cents per head ; total.....	12,485
25,702 hogs, assessed at \$1.15 per head ; total.....	29,720
Money, notes and bonds.....	236,930
Schools in 1894.....	80
Teachers.....	83
Pupils.....	3,810
Amount spent on schools.....	\$18,591.14
Permanent school fund.....	14,386.50

### MISSISSIPPI COUNTY.

Population, 10,566.

**Southeast Missouri; borders the Mississippi river, and is traversed by St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas, and St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroads ; 120 miles south of St. Louis.**

**SOIL**—Level, some swamp land ; the swamps are being redeemed rapidly ; the bottom land is a rich loam, and is very productive.

**WATER**—Mississippi river borders the county on the east, and St. James Bayou drains the southern portion.

**ROADS**—In good order.

**TIMBER**—Oak, ash, hickory and gum ; large shipments of lumber are made each year. In 1894, nearly 13,000,000 feet were shipped out of the county.

**FUEL**—Wood ; average price, \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$20 to \$35 per acre, according to location ; timber land, \$10 to \$15 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Sufficient for demand ; condition, good ; wages from \$10 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn ; time of growth, about six months ; average yield per acre, 45 bushels ; average selling price last year, 20 cents ; average selling price for five years past, 35 cents ; bulk of crop raised near market. All the popular breeds of cattle and hogs are raised and shipped each year. Soil well adapted for the cultivation of watermelons ; thousands of acres are devoted to this product, and many hundred car loads are shipped annually.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	1,903	Potatoes, bushels.....	4,270
Horses and mules, head .....	17	Melons, cars.....	245
Hogs, head .....	6,083	Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	94,618
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	20	Game, pounds .....	2,204
Wheat, bushels .....	103,783	Eggs, dozen .....	15,270
Corn, bushels .....	461,717	Poultry, pounds .....	8,230
Mixed grain, bushels.....	102,000	Hides, pounds .....	18,729
Flour, barrels.....	30,300	Cooperage, cars .....	11
Corn meal, pounds .....	4,500,000	Lumber, feet.....	12,950,000
Hay, bales.....	360		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 10,566 ; people intelligent and refined ; many churches of different denominations, and 35 schools scattered throughout the county, are some of the many social advantages.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Health above the average ; land good for general farming ; the swamps can be redeemed at little cost ; when cleared they make very rich and productive land ; railroad facilities good ; markets close to river transportation ; best timber interest in Southeast Missouri ; capital can find many advantageous opportunities for investment. Among a number of towns is Charleston, the county seat.

**CHARLESTON** — Population, 2000 ; situated on St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad ; supplied with water by pumps, wells and cisterns ; good broad, well-graded streets ; board and stone sidewalks, in good order ; lighted by electricity. Charleston has three beautiful churches, and a large public school ; two banks ; lodges, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Masons ; many handsome stores well stocked with goods ; avenues of beautiful residences ; a charming society and many attractions that would make newcomers pleased with their new home.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Mississippi county has 255,059 acres assessed at \$1,203,064 ; her town lots are assessed at \$343,390 ; personal property assessed at \$728,399 ; total assessed value of property, \$2,274,853. Assessed values are 41.51 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$5,110,880.

Mississippi county's personal property consists mainly of—	
2,252 horses, assessed at \$28.06 per head ; total.....	\$63,206
2,979 mules, assessed at \$32.51 per head ; total.....	96,862
5,553 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.23 per head ; total.....	40,180
273 sheep, assessed at \$1.27 per head ; total.....	347
14,431 hogs, assessed at \$1.48 per head ; total.....	21,384
Money, notes and bonds.....	201,255
Schools in 1894.....	35
Teachers .....	41
Pupils.....	1,881
Amount spent on schools.....	\$16,336.27
Permanent school fund.....	10,453.90

### MONITEAU COUNTY.

Population, 16,272.

Central Missouri; traversed by Missouri Pacific railroad from east to west and Missouri river on north and east; 25 miles west of Jefferson City; 145 miles west of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Northern half, hilly and timbered; southern half, level and prairie. Soil, black loam, producing grasses and all the cereals abundantly; numerous pockets of coal over the county, mined mostly for home use. Potters' clay, limestone and lead are found.

**WATER**—Wells, springs and cisterns. Moreau river and many creeks afford ample water for stock. The Missouri river borders the county on the north.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition. Tax, 20 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, walnut, sycamore, elm, hickory and maple. Considerable log timber is shipped.

**FUEL**—Mostly wood, \$2 per cord; coal, \$2 to \$3 a ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$15 to \$50 per acre; timber land, \$10 to \$25 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, sufficient for demand; condition, good; wages, \$10 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, from three to four months; average yield per acre, 35 bushels; selling price last year, 21 cents; average selling price for the past five years, 35 cents per bushel. Besides corn, wheat, oats, rye, fruits of all kinds, hay, timothy and clover yield abundantly. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	4,506	Wool, pounds.....	975
Horses and mules, head.....	700	Game, pounds.....	4,657
Hogs, head.....	22,499	Dressed meat, pounds.....	30,338
Sheep, head.....	4,013	Cheese, pounds.....	2,020
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	115	Butter, pounds.....	9,048
Wheat, bushels.....	102,384	Eggs, dozen.....	449,220
Corn, bushels.....	1,360	Poultry, pounds.....	618,291
Oats, bushels.....	1,600	Feathers, pounds.....	2,811
Flour, pounds.....	1,350	Junk, pounds.....	90,000
Hay, bales.....	3,420	Coal, tons.....	900
Seed, bushels.....	90	Logs, feet.....	48,000
Apples, bushels.....	3,171		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,272; one-half American; one-half foreign born; mostly German. Numerous churches of various denominations are scattered throughout the county. The school system is excellent; there are 83 schools in the county; the people are intelligent and refined.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy locality; land cheap. The county has no bonded indebtedness. California, the county seat, has no bonded debt. People are well to do; crops can be handled with but little expense and labor; railroad facilities are first class; inhabitants encourage the right class of immigration.

**CALIFORNIA**—Population, 2100; situated on the Missouri Pacific railroad. Water supply from cisterns, springs and wells; macadamized streets and good sidewalks of stone and brick; lighted by electricity. **Taxes**—town, 50 cents; county, 30 cents; school, 51 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—Many denominations are represented by beautiful houses of worship; a fine public school; two banks, aggregate capital, \$110,000; deposits, \$250,000. Lodges of Masonic, Odd-Fellows and A. O. U. W.; many well stocked stores, a woolen and flour mill, cigar factories, machine shop and wholesale saddlery. Besides railroad towns there are many flourishing "inland" towns among them, Jamestown, Latham and High Point.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Moniteau county has 258,150 acres assessed at \$1,729,230; her town lots are assessed at \$553,995; personal property assessed at \$1,426,533; total assessed value of property, \$3,709,758.

Assessed values are 24.80 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,958,701.

Moniteau county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,412 horses, assessed at \$21.43 per head; total.....	\$137,455
2,341 mules, assessed at \$24.54 per head; total.....	57,470
11,898 neat cattle, assessed at \$10 75 per head; total.....	128,016
5,034 sheep, assessed at \$1.03 per head; total .....	5,215
23,811 hogs, assessed at \$2 17 per head; total.....	51,574
Money, notes and bonds. ....	665,960
Schools in 1894.....	83
Teachers .....	101
Pupils.....	4,741
Amount spent on schools.....	\$29,857 47
Permanent school fund.....	17,209.30

### MONROE COUNTY.

Population, 21,649.

Northeast Missouri. Traversed by M., K. & T. and Hannibal and St. Joe railroads; 70 miles north of Jefferson City; 110 miles northwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Off from the streams it is a high, rolling prairie; wooded along the streams and bottom land rich. Large portions of county underlaid with coal veins, varying in thickness from 14 to 36 inches; potters and brick clays are found in quantities; limestone in abundance, but not developed.

**WATER**—Cisterns and wells. Limestone well water. Salt river, its branches and tributaries flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Mostly dirt; in good order; 10 cents tax on \$100 valuation.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal. Wood, \$2 per cord; coal, \$2 to \$3 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farms, \$25 to \$40 per acre; timber land, \$18 to \$25 per acre; other lands, \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply; condition, good; wages, \$15 to \$20 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, rye, oats and hay. The finest blue grass region to be found anywhere in this country; small fruits and vegetables grow in profusion. Average yield of corn per acre, 36 bushels; wheat, 20 bushels and oats 35 bushels. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	10,076	Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	15,608
Horses and mules, head .....	1,725	Wool, pounds .....	145,306
Hogs, head .....	36,182	Butter, pounds.....	3,437
Sheep, head .....	13,440	Eggs, dozen .....	168,180
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	81	Poultry, pounds.. .....	598,594
Wheat, bushels .....	2,400	Feathers, pounds.....	2,524
Corn, bushels.....	1,300	Hides, pounds.....	36,182
Oats, bushels.....	20,000	Junk, pounds.. .....	300,000
Flour, barrels .....	6,520	Wood, cords .....	525
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	38,060	Cooperage, cars .....	8
Hay, bales.....	25,200	Cross ties.....	87,000
Seed, bushels.....	629	Lumber, feet .....	270,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 21,649; largely Americans; large number of churches and schools; many good newspapers; people hospitable and refined. Citizens of Monroe think there is no county on earth like their county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy climate; land rich in productivity, and can be purchased at a cheap price. Abundance of pure water; railroad facilities, good; bulk of crops raised near railroad. Land first-class for general farming; many opportunities for capital to invest; immigration invited. Among a large number of towns is Paris the county seat.

**PARIS**—Population, 2000; situated on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, amid a most beautiful surrounding country; wells and cisterns supply the city with water; macadamized streets in good order; board sidewalks in residence portion, asphaltum in business portion; lighted by oil lamps.

**ADVANTAGES**—Paris has eight beautiful churches, a fine public school, two flourishing banks—aggregate capital, \$150,000, deposits, \$218,000. Lodges of Masons, Odd-Fellows, Knights of Honor, A. O. U. W. and others. Many handsome stores stocked with goods. Woolen and flour mills, and a fine business opening for canning and cob-pipe factory, dairy and lime kiln.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Monroe county has 420,873 acres assessed at \$3,391,080; her town lots are assessed at \$629,790; personal property, \$2,093,495; total assessed value of property, \$6,114,365. Assessed values are 35.53 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$17,209,020.

Monroe county's personal property consists mainly of—

11,280 horses, assessed at \$22.88 per head ; total.....	\$258,145
3,970 mules, assessed at \$30.90 per head ; total.....	83,010
17,328 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.61 per head ; total.....	254,120
16,769 sheep, assessed at \$1.07 per head ; total.....	17,970
25,601 hogs, assessed at \$2.32 per head ; total.....	59,630
Money, notes and bonds .....	841,605
Schools in 1891.....	114
Teachers .....	128
Pupils.....	5,074
Amount spent on schools.....	\$36,517.82
Permanent school fund.....	94,358.71

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Population, 17,151.

Central Eastern Missouri; on northern bank of Missouri river; traversed by Wabash, and Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroads; 40 miles east of Jefferson City; 70 miles west of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—South half, hills and valleys, with the hills covered with timber; the valleys and bottom lands in this portion of the county are very fertile. The north half is principally prairie, interspersed by numerous streams and very fertile. Coal is found in northern part of the county, and mined in a small way. Limestone and marble, so far quarried, for local use only. Iron is found in numerous places, but not developed to any extent.

**WATER**—The Missouri river borders the southern part of the county. Loutre, Southfork, Cuivre river and many creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good order. Tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, walnut and hickory. Large shipments of lumber and ties made annually.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 per cord; coal, \$1.75 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$25 per acre; timber land, \$15 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, equal to demand; wages, \$12 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn and Wheat. Time of growth, corn, from April to September; yield per acre, 25 to 30 bushels; selling price last year, 18 to 20 cents per bushel; for five years past, 30 cents; wheat, 18 to 20 bushels; average time of growth, from fall to spring; average

selling price last year, 50 cents; for five years past, 55 cents per bushel. Bulk of crop raised convenient to railroad. Large number of hogs, and many cattle and sheep shipped annually.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	3,641	Game, pounds.....	21,215
Horses and mules, head.....	340	Tallow, pounds .....	4,025
Hogs, head.....	22,501	Cheese, pounds .....	500
Sheep, head.....	2,612	Butter, pounds.....	26,753
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	34	Eggs, dozen.....	396,810
Wheat, bushels.....	52,800	Poultry, pounds.....	595,296
Corn, bushels .....	8,450	Feathers, pounds.....	1,840
Oats, bushels.....	50,400	Hides, pounds.....	79,435
Flour, barrels.....	150	Junk, pounds.....	68,630
Corn meal, pounds .....	12,000	Cooperage, cars.....	35
Hay, bales.....	1,080	Cross ties.....	106,600
Seed, bushels.....	500	Piling, feet.....	49,000
Apples, bushels.....	696	Lumber, feet.....	250,000
Wool, pounds.....	58,745		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population 17,151; Americans, Germans and a few Bohemians; churches of different denominations; many good newspapers and 87 schools are in a flourishing condition throughout the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate of an even temperature; land productive and cheap; good stock and grain region; abundance of water; very good railroad facilities; bulk of crop raised convenient to shipping points; people are progressive and intelligent; immigration of same quality invited. Among a number of towns is Danville, the county seat.

**DANVILLE**—Population, 450; situated a little way from the Wabash railroad in a very pretty country; supplied with water from wells and cisterns; streets graded and sidewalks in good order. Danville has two houses of worship—Methodist and Christian; a good public school; well stocked stores and a delightful society to offer home-seekers.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Montgomery county has 321,022 acres assessed at \$2,250,737; her town lots are assessed at \$569,362; personal property assessed at \$1,403,179; total assessed value of property, \$4,223,278. Assessed values are 28.72 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,705,006.

**Montgomery county's personal property consists mainly of—**

7,197 horses, assessed at \$25.22 per head ; total.....	\$181,541
2,245 mules, assessed at \$25.26 per head ; total.....	56,709
11,378 neat cattle, at \$10.21 per head ; total.....	116,182
6,453 sheep, assessed at \$1.43 per head ; total.....	9,288
21,215 hogs, assessed at \$2.42 per head ; total.....	51,447
Money, notes and bonds.....	621,580
Schools in 1894.....	87
Teachers .....	120
Pupils.....	3,675
Amount spent on schools.....	\$41,778.23
Permanent school fund.....	11,451.36

**MORGAN COUNTY.**

Population, 13,405.

Central Missouri; traversed by Boonville & Versailles branch of the Missouri Pacific; 35 miles southwest of Jefferson City; 140 miles west of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—North half is gently rolling, well watered, adapted and mostly utilized for agricultural purposes. South half is hilly and covered with timber and grass. Coal, fire-clay, potters' clay, brick clay, limestone, sandstone, lead and zinc are each and all found. Coal is mined in limited quantity, as is also lead and zinc; considerable quantities of sandstone and limestone have been quarried.

**WATER**—Wells, springs and cisterns. Osage river, Buffalo creek in southern, Flat, Richland and Moreau in the northern part of county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, generally; some gravel; all in fair order.

**TIMBER**—Different varieties of oak, walnut and hickory; considerable oak made into ties.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal; wood, \$2 per cord; coal, \$2.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$15 to \$30 per acre; timber land, \$1.25 to \$5; other land, \$5 to \$15 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply; condition, good; wages, from \$12 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; time of growth, April to September; average yield per acre, 35 bushels; selling price last year, 20 cents; average selling price for five years past, 30 cents per bushel. Wheat, oats, millet, hungarian and various hays, small fruits and vegetables do well; cattle, sheep and hogs raised to advantage.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,624	Butter, pounds.....	20,905
Horses and mules, head .....	40	Eggs, dozen .....	65,790
Hogs, head .....	14,150	Poultry, pounds.....	104,180
Sheep, head .....	2,890	Junk, pounds.....	60,000
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	10	Wood, cords.....	28
Wheat, bushels.....	18,000	Cooperage, cars .....	9
Oats, bushels.....	8,200	Cross ties .....	84,000
Hay, bales.....	900	Logs, feet.....	6,000
Game, pounds .....	3,495	Lumber, feet.....	110,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 13,405; about 20 per cent foreign born; many churches, schools, newspapers and a good class of intelligent citizens are some of the many social advantages Morgan county has to offer.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate good; fine fruit country; stock raising and general farming good; people energetic and honest; crops easily handled. Capital and push will find many opportunities for advantageous investment; the people invite first class immigration. Among a number of thriving towns is Versailles, the county seat.

**VERSAILLES**—Population, 1500; situated on the Boonville branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad. Abundantly supplied with water from artesian wells and cisterns. Streets of macadam, gravel and clay; plank and brick sidewalks; lighted by oil lamps. Taxes, 25 cents on \$100 valuation for city.

**ADVANTAGES**—Versailles has five churches; public and private schools; two banks, aggregate capital, \$45,000. Lodges of the popular fraternal organizations; a number of handsome stores well stocked with all needful goods; flour mill and clay works and a fine business opening for lead and zinc smelter or hoop and stave factory. Within a radius of 10 miles of the county seat are the inland towns of Excelsior, Gravois and Hover.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Morgan county has 380,638 acres assessed at \$1,524,800; her town lots are assessed at \$157,770; personal property assessed at \$783,665; total assessed value of property, \$2,466,235. Assessed values are 33.40 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$7,383,937.

Morgan county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,903 horses, assessed at \$23.77 per head ; total .....	\$116,590
2,360 mules, assessed at \$22.96 per head ; total .....	54,196
12,703 neat cattle, assessed at \$11.50 per head ; total .....	146,196
6,591 sheep, assessed at \$1.08 per head ; total .....	7,145
16,335 hogs, assessed at \$2 per head ; total .....	32,670
Money, notes and bonds .....	288,491
Schools in 1894 .....	74
Teachers .....	78
Pupils .....	2,894
Amount spent on schools.....	\$19,702 12
Permanent school fund.....	8,443.79

### NEW MADRID COUNTY.

Population, 10,628.

Southeast Missouri, on Mississippi river. Traversed by St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas railroad; 50 miles from Poplar Bluff; 140 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—The soil is somewhat sandy; the bottom land near the river is very rich on which corn yields abundantly. The swamps are being rapidly redeemed, making the choicest farm land in southeast Missouri.

**WATER**—For drinking water, wells and cisterns furnish the supply; transportation, drainage and irrigation is supplied by the Mississippi river on the eastern border, Little river and St. James Bayou flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Sandy; in fair order.

**TIMBER**—Cottonwood, gum, oak, hickory and elm. One of the largest timber exporting counties in the State; over 27,000,000 feet shipped in 1894.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal. Wood, \$2.50 per cord; coal, \$3.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$20 to \$35 per acre. Timber and swamp lands, \$1.25 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Principally colored labor; condition, good; wages, from \$10 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat and oats yield abundantly. This is one of the few counties in the State in which cotton is raised to advantage. Soil is well adapted to watermelon and cantaloupe.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	168	Seed, bushels.....	540
Horses and mules, head.....	756	Fruits and vegetables, pounds....	24,000
Hogs, head .....	842	Wool, pounds .....	8,879
Wheat, bushels .....	45,448	Fish, pounds .....	8,257
Corn, bushels . ....	406,757	Tallow, pounds.....	1,781
Oats, bushels.....	416	Eggs, dozen .....	6,800
Corn meal, pounds.....	97,600	Poultry, pounds.....	8,800
Cotton seed, pounds .....	880,185	Hides, pounds .....	30,019
Cotton, bales.....	1,880	Sugar, pounds .....	80,000
Hay, bales.....	1,197	Fertilizer .....	4,659,000
Potatoes, bushels .....	1,029	Lumber, feet.....	27,583,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 10,628; principally Americans; some German, Irish and negroes; many churches, schools and good newspapers constitute some of the many social advantages of the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Land, cheap; swamps easily redeemed; great lumber and cotton district; general farming, good; fine region for fruits and vegetables, especially melons; capital with push can double itself in one season; inhabitants energetic and honest; first class immigration is welcomed. In addition to railroad towns, there are a number of "inland" towns, among them Point Pleasant, Portageville and Ogden. The growing town of New Madrid is the county seat.

**NEW MADRID**—Population, 1500; situated on the St. Louis & Southwestern railway; supplied with water from wells and cisterns; streets and plank walks in fair condition, and lighted by oil lamps.

**ADVANTAGES**—New Madrid has four beautiful churches, good public schools, two banks, lodges of Masons and A. O. U. W.; many well stocked stores, saw mills, cotton gins and flour mill.

**A FINE BUSINESS OPENING** for furniture factory, ice plant and canning factory.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—New Madrid county has 368,891 acres assessed at \$1,141,502; her town lots are assessed at \$111,798; personal property assessed at \$339,755; total value of property assessed at \$1,593,055. Assessed values are 40.37 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,946,135.

**New Madrid county's personal property consists mainly of—**

1,985 horses, assessed at \$26.87 per head ; total.....	\$53,345
2,159 mules, assessed at \$31.05 per head ; total.....	67,050
6,670 neat cattle, assessed at \$6.17 per head ; total.....	41,169
534 sheep, assessed at \$1.20 per head ; total.....	645
15,396 hogs, assessed at \$1.45 per head ; total.....	22,391
Money, notes and bonds.....	47,112
Schools in 1894.....	32
Teachers .....	32
Pupils.....	3,750
Amount spent on schools.....	\$12,887.21
Permanent school fund.....	25,374.27

**NEWTON COUNTY.**

Population, 23,639.

Southwest Missouri; on the western State line—Traversed by St. Louis, San Francisco and Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroads; 60 miles from Springfield; 150 miles south of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—One-half prairie, the remainder timber. The prairie is gently rolling; the timber land generally level, except near the streams; soil rich and exceedingly fertile near the streams; clay, lime and sand-stone for building purposes plentiful and largely used; lead and zinc ores are mined very extensively.

**WATER**—Many clear sparkling springs are a feature of the county; Shoal, Indian, Hickory, Buffalo and other creeks run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt roads, in pretty good condition.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory and walnut plentiful throughout country.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1.50 to \$2 per cord; coal, \$2.50 a ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$10 to \$40; timber land, \$5 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply; condition, good; wages, from \$10 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat, corn and oats; average yield—wheat, 18 to 20 bushels; corn, 25 to 30 bushels; price last year—wheat, 50 cents; corn, 20 cents; small fruits and vegetables grow in profusion; cattle, sheep and hogs are raised extensively.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were raised and shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	1,092	Dried fruit, pounds.....	8,000
Horses and mules, head .....	20	Wool, pounds .....	4,800
Hogs, head .....	4,380	Game, pounds.....	5,200
Sheep, head.....	810	Fish, pounds.....	4,245
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	30	Tallow, pounds.....	2,400
Wheat, bushels.....	289,800	Dressed meat, pounds.....	2,410
Corn, bushels.....	5,200	Butter, pounds.....	8,974
Oats, bushels.....	2,400	Eggs, dozen.....	224,880
Flour, barrels.....	125,093	Poultry, pounds.....	63,115
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	63,600	Feathers, pounds.....	1,061
Hay, bales.....	5,400	Hides, pounds.....	164,757
Tobacco, pounds.....	310	Junk, pounds.....	30,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	1,590	Lead, tons.....	1,340
Onions, bushels.....	3,000	Zinc, tons .....	220
Seed, bushels.....	11,290	Tripoli, pounds.....	2,068,000
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	31,400	Lumber, feet .....	950,000
Canned goods, pounds.....	150,000		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 23,639; mostly native; large numbers of Germans and Irish. Many flourishing churches, schools and newspapers, and an intelligent community are some of the many social attractions of Newton county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Very healthy district. Large numbers of pure springs; failure of crops unknown; no extreme of heat or cold. Fine fruit region; large orchards and beds of berries. Energetic, law abiding community. Immigration of the intelligent and industrious class welcomed. Among a number of thriving towns is Neosho, the county seat.

NEOSHO has a population of over 3000; it is very prettily situated on the 'Frisco and Kansas City & Gulf railroads. Abundantly supplied with water from water works; the streets and sidewalks are in good condition; electric light plant being put in. There are a number of beautiful churches, Protestant and Catholic, fine schools, two banks with \$65,000 capital; deposits, \$237,000. Popular fraternal organizations; many well stocked stores; wagon, plow, canning and broom factories, flour mills and U. S. Fish Hatchery. A fine business opening is offered for any manufactory.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Newton county has 401,500 acres assessed at \$2,507,825; her town lots assessed at \$580,700; personal property assessed at \$1,058,705; total assessed value of property, \$4,147,230.

Assessed values are 35.50 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$11,682,338.

Newton county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,205 horses, assessed at \$20.74 per head; total.....	\$211,735
2,262 mules, assessed at \$23.83 per head; total.....	53,935
11,836 neat cattle, assessed at \$9.54 per head; total .....	112,925
1,184 sheep, assessed at \$1.33 per head; total.....	1,580
17,434 hogs, assessed at \$1.28 per head; total .....	22,450
Money, notes and bonds .....	301,682
Schools in 1894 .....	104
Teachers .....	147
Pupils .....	6,995
Amount spent on schools.....	\$29,181 29
Permanent school fund.....	22,560.47

### NODAWAY COUNTY.

Population, 31,599.

Northeast Missouri; on northern State line—Traversed by Chicago, Milwaukee & Great Western, Wabash and Omaha & St. Louis and Kansas City, St. Joe (two branches) railroads; 80 miles north of Kansas City and only 25 miles north of St. Joe.

**SOIL**—Gently rolling prairie; rich black loam; no swamps or stony lands; beautiful stretches of meadows; groves of native timber line the banks of streams and creeks, "upon whose grassy banks cattle bask and doze in summer time;" coal is found and mined to a considerable extent; brick, tile and pottery clay, lime and sandstone have been developed and some aluminum found.

**WATER**—Running streams and springs abound; wells of wholesome drinking water are obtained everywhere; the Platte river and One Hundred and Two river both flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; poll-tax, two days' work.

**TIMBER**—Walnut, oak, elm and cottonwood; used for home purposes mostly; little shipped.

**FUEL**—Soft wood, \$1.50; hard wood, \$2.25 per cord; coal, \$3 per ton; corn-cobs, 25 cents per load.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$25 to \$80 per acre, according to location; timber land, \$15 to \$35 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, equal to demand; condition, good; wages, \$20 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; time of growth, 110 days; yield per acre, 40 to 50 bushels; average selling price last year, 20 cents; for five years past, 30 cents per bushel; bulk of crop raised convenient

to railroads. Besides corn, wheat, oats, rye, potatoes, clover, timothy, hay, fruits and vegetables yield abundantly. Dairy and beef cattle are raised to advantage; large numbers are shipped each year; few sheep are raised; hogs constitute one of the chief products of the county, and having excelled all other counties in the number raised. Nodaway stands as the banner county of the State in this important product; it also carries the banner as the largest producer of both poultry and eggs.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	45,144	Fruits and vegetables, pounds .....	103,215
Horses and mules, head .....	2,536	Nursery stock, pounds.....	183,000
Hogs, head .....	124,487	Dried fruit, pounds.....	5,843
Sheep, head .....	900	Lard, pounds.....	76,965
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	16	Tallow, pounds.....	36,393
	124,200	Dressed meat, pounds .....	6,246

#### ERRATUM.

On page 286, Nodaway county, first line, should read Northwest instead of Northeast, Missouri.

<del>DRUGS, PAPER</del>			
Hay, bales.....	22,920	Junk, pounds.....	
Potatoes, bushels.....	11,637	Tile, cars.....	6
Seed, bushels.....	3,600	Coal, tons .....	122
Apples, bushels.....	117,295	Lumber, feet .....	70,000
Small fruits, crates and baskets....	270		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 31,599; mostly Americans. Many churches, schools, newspapers, fraternal organizations and a cultured and refined society, are a few of the many attractions in a social way this county has to offer those seeking homes within its borders.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good; land, cheap and productive; railroad facilities first class; low taxes; no bonded indebtedness; no floating debt; law abiding and thrifty people; good society and a warm welcome for every stranger who comes within the county, regardless of politics, religion or creed. Among a number of thriving towns is Maryville, the growing county seat.

**MARYVILLE**—Population, 5,000; situated on Kansas City, St. Joe. & C. B., and Omaha & St. Louis railroads; water works; good graded streets, fine sidewalks, electric light; many beautiful churches, fine

schools, three banks, fraternal lodges, handsome stores, beautiful residences, flour, basket, carriage and wagon factory, and a fine business opening for woolen mills are some of the attractions.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Nodaway county has 546,399 acres assessed at \$6,042,878; her town lots are assessed at \$999,455; personal property assessed at \$2,658,917; total assessed value of property, \$9,701,-250. Assessed values are 32.84 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$29,540,956.

Nodaway county's personal property consists mainly of—

21,316 horses, assessed at \$18.53 per head ; total.....	\$395,102
2,817 mules, assessed at \$16.93 per head ; total.....	47,718
37,482 neat cattle, assessed at \$12.89 per head ; total.....	484,507
2,250 sheep, assessed at \$1.08 per head ; total.....	2,442
53,136 hogs, assessed at \$2.70 per head ; total.....	143,748
Money, notes and bonds .....	995,242
Schools in 1894.....	183
Teachers .....	240
Pupils.....	7,675
Amount spent on schools.....	\$78,622 28
Permanent school fund.....	99,629.00

## OREGON COUNTY.

Population, 12,600.

South Central border; Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad runs through a portion of the county; 40 miles west of Poplar Bluff; 140 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Oregon county is situated on the southern slope or foot hills of the Ozark mountains, 750 feet above the sea level; mostly rolling, with some surface rock; bottom land, black loam, red clay subsoil; clay for brick; lime and sandstone are considerably used for building purposes; lead and iron ore are found, but not developed.

**WATER**—Eleven Points and Spring rivers traverse the county from the northwest to the southeast, with other smaller streams and creeks emptying into them. Clear, cool springs are to be found all over the county in sufficient number to meet all necessary wants.

**ROADS**—Dirt, good order. Poll tax, \$2, or three days' work.

**TIMBER**—Pine, oak, ash, hickory and walnut.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Improved farm land, \$10 to \$25 an acre; unimproved, \$1 to \$5 per acre; timber land, \$1 to \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Room for more; condition, fair; wages, \$12 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat and oats ; grasses grow in profusion ; fine pastures furnish a good opportunity for the advantageous raising of cattle, sheep and hogs ; over and above home consumption there are a good many of each shipped annually.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	952	Venison, pounds.....	2,357
Horses and mules, head .....	60	Eggs, dozen .....	17,790
Hogs, head .....	1,440	Poultry, pounds .....	13,620
Flour, barrels.....	300	Cross ties .....	• 9,200
Apples, bushels.....	36	Lumber, feet.....	40,000
Small fruits, crates.....	604	Cotton, bales.....	40

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 12,500 ; mostly American. Many Protestant churches, 56 county schools. Many newspapers and honest law abiding people who will tender a warm welcome to all worthy new comers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate, good. In winter the thermometer rarely gets below zero, and in the summer above 80 degrees ; healthy ; fine stock country ; fruits and vegetables very productive. Land, fuel and living cheap. Best opportunities for people with small means to get a good home. Right kind of immigration welcomed. The county seat, is Alton.

**ALTON**—Population, 600 ; supplied with water from wells, springs and cisterns. Graded streets ; sidewalks in good order ; three churches, good public schools ; a flourishing bank ; Masonic and A. O. U. W. lodges ; abundantly stocked stores ; flour mill. A fine business opening is offered for a canning factory, woolen mill and fruit evaporator. Taxes—town, 25 cents ; county, 50 cents ; school, 60 cents and State, 25 cents.

Thomasville and Garfield are growing towns, pleasant places for homeseekers to settle in.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Oregon county has 443,206 acres assessed at \$1,241,335 ; her town lots are assessed at \$157,628 ; personal property assessed at \$375,273 ; total assessed value of property, \$1,774,236. Assessed values are 44.73 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,966,545.

Oregon county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,615 horses, assessed at \$21.91 per head; total.....	\$79,240
1,343 mules, assessed at \$25.14 per head; total.....	33,773
8,878 neat cattle, assessed at \$5 12 per head; total.....	55,354
4,784 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total.....	4,784
21,883 hogs, assessed at \$1.03 per head; total.....	22,598
Money, bonds and notes.....	54,309
Schools in 1894.....	56
Teachers.....	67
Pupils.....	3,128
Amount spent on schools.....	\$20,780.05
Permanent school fund.....	2,210.94

### OSAGE COUNTY.

Population, 14,208.

Central Missouri. Bordered by the Missouri river on the north and on the west by the Osage river; 15 miles east of Jefferson City; traversed by the Missouri Pacific railroad.

SOIL—Near the river it is a black loam and very productive. The average yield per acre of wheat and corn is high; small fruits and vegetables yield abundantly; cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped each year.

SURPLUS PRODUCTS—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	956	Apples, bushels.....	2,155
Horses and mules, head .....	140	Wool, pounds .....	499
Hogs, head;.....	7,005	Game, pounds .....	2,274
Sheep, head .....	1,620	Butter, pounds.....	757
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	8	Eggs, dozen.....	75,960
Wheat, bushels .....	94,890	Poultry, pounds .....	71,372
Corn, bushels .....	14,954	Hides, pounds.....	3,707
Flour, barrels;.....	9,285	Junk, pounds .....	30,000
Bran, pounds;.....	210,000	Cooperage, cars .....	28
Potatoes, bushels.....	1,623	Cross ties .....	12,400
Corn-cobs, cars.....	21	Lumber, feet .....	30,000
Seed, bushels.....	951		

LINN, situated in the center of the county, is the county seat. Owing to fine water drainage and productive land for general farming and cattle raising. Crops are easily marketed; people well to do, energetic and honest. For homeseekers, a hearty welcome is extended by its inhabitants.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Osage county has 376,642 acres assessed at \$1,627,540; her town lots are assessed at \$209,490; personal property assessed at \$1,192,453; total assessed value of property, \$3,029,483. Assessed values are 36.02 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,410,558.

Osage county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,717 horses, assessed at \$21.34 per head ; total.....	\$79,330
3,284 mules assessed at \$22.30 per head ; total.....	73,256
11,523 neat cattle at \$8.84 per head ; total.....	101,929
6,921 sheep at assessed at \$1 per head ; total.....	6,921
23,501 hogs at \$1.37 per head ; total.....	32,293
Money, notes and bonds.....	716,526
Number of schools in 1894 .....	68
Number of teachers in 1894.....	73
Number of pupils in 1894 .....	2,922
Amount expended on schools in 1894.....	\$16,162.76
Permanent school fund.....	21,338.86

## OZARK COUNTY.

Population, 12,029.

South Central Missouri; on State line; 60 miles southeast of Springfield; 130 miles south of Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Surface, broken; many water courses traverse the county from north to south; the bottom land is of a sandy loam, and very productive. Fire-clay, sandstone and limestone in abundance; valuable minerals, but not developed.

**WATER**—North fork and Little fork of White river, Bryant creek and other smaller streams with thousands of clear sparkling springs afford an abundance of water.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in pretty good condition.

**TIMBER**—A large amount of good oak.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1 to \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—125,000 acres of government land very good for fruit raising; farm land, according to location, \$10 to \$15; timber land, \$2.50 to \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, sufficient for demand; condition, good; wages, \$12 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, about four months; yield per acre, 40 bushels; over 200,000 bushels marketed yearly; cost of production, 10 cents per bushel; average selling price last year, 20

cents per bushel; average selling price for five years past, 40 cents per bushel; besides corn, wheat, hay, oats and grasses yield abundantly. On account of fine pastures, this is distinctly a stock-raising county; cattle and hogs yield good profits; the cost of raising hogs is next to nothing, as they are fed on mast.

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 12,029; principally Americans; there are many churches and schools throughout the county; a few good newspapers; the people are intelligent and its society good, and to homeseekers Ozark county offers many social attractions.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy climate; hospitable people; land cheap and productive; fine region for raising small fruits and vegetables; no blizzards or extreme cold; spring a month earlier than in counties of this State further north; no malaria, and an abundance of water; capital can double itself each season by judicious investments; good class of immigration will be given a hearty welcome; among a number of towns is Gainesville, the county seat.

**GAINESVILLE**—Population of 250; it is situated in a very pretty country; its streets are graded; sidewalks in good condition; two churches, a private and public school, a flourishing bank, lodge of I. O. O. F. and A. F. and A. M.; well stocked stores, and a fine business opening for fire-clay works on account of the abundance of clay found in the neighborhood.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Ozark county has 223,891 acres assessed at \$610,237; her town lots are assessed at \$12,464; personal property assessed at \$396,495; total assessed value of property, \$1,019,-196. Assessed values are 50.84 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$2,004,712.

Ozark county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,333 horses, assessed at \$22.65 per head; total.....	\$98,154
1,395 mules, assessed at \$26.58 per head; total.....	37,082
13,629 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.91 per head; total....	107,888
4,513 sheep, assessed at \$1.11 per head; total.....	5,022
15,579 hogs, assessed at \$1.24 per head; total.....	19,349
Money, notes and bonds.....	35,825
Schools in 1894.....	65
Teachers.....	69
Pupils.....	3,241
Amount spent on schools.....	\$9,606.80
Permanent school fund.....	5,260.70

## PEMISCOT COUNTY.

Population, 6813.

Borders the Mississippi river in the extreme, southeast of the State; 200 miles from St. Louis; traversed by the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern railway.

**SOIL**—Entirely level with only slight elevations; a very fertile, black alluvial soil.

**WATER**—The water supply is taken from wells or cisterns. Wells especially furnish a pure, clear drinking water, filtered through the sand underlying the black surface soil.

**ROADS** are in an excellent condition all year around and are kept up at a very little cost, as the road tax is only 5 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—The county ranks first among the timber counties of the State. Along the river bank cottonwood and cypress prevail, interspersed with gum wood; on the elevations are found oak and ash.

**FUEL**—The timber lands furnish almost exclusively the supply needed for fuel. A cord of wood costs on an average not more than \$1.50.

**COST OF LAND**—First-class cultivated land can be bought for \$40 an acre; timber land demands from \$2 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—The labor supply is satisfactory; good hands are paid from \$15 to \$35 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Cotton was the main crop formerly, but of late the farmers are raising corn on an extensive scale on account of the low price of the former commodity. Cotton easily yields 1500 pounds per acre, corn 60 bushels, and potatoes 200 bushels per acre. Potatoes are very profitably raised along the river bank and find a ready market in the cities bordering on the river. Corn matures in four months, cotton in five, and potatoes in less than three months. The farmers in this county derive a greater profit from their labor than is experienced in other sections on account of the low rates of the river transportation afforded by the numerous steamboat lines plying between St. Louis and New Orleans, which open to them the markets of St. Louis, Cincinnati, Memphis and New Orleans. Beef cattle and hog raising are profitable pursuits owing to the large yield of the corn crop.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following produce was shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	584	Apples, bushels .....	72
Horses and mules, head .. ....	57	Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	10,723
Hogs, head .....	1,584	Wool, pounds .....	488
Wheat, bushels .. ....	1,764	Fish, pounds.....	136,885
Corn, bushels .....	14,064	Eggs, dozen .....	7,050
Potatoes, bushels.....	2,847	Poultry, pounds .....	19,350
Onions, bushels.....	1,150	Feathers, pounds.....	150
Cotton seed, pounds.....	389,087	Hides, pounds .....	11,455
Cotton, bales.....	779	Lumber feet,.....	30,790,880
Nuts, bushels .. ....	95		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 6,813; almost exclusively American ; 18 churches, representing all denominations, and 29 schools scattered throughout the county. Of fraternal orders there are Odd Fellows and Masons.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate is moderate ; the richness of the soil yields large crops ; failure of crops unknown.

**GAYOSO**, the county seat, situated on the bank of the Mississippi river, has about 800 inhabitants ; 6 large saw mills operated in the immediate vicinity give employment to hundreds of men. Caruthersville, on the river bank, is the terminus of the St. Louis, Kennett & Southern railroad. It is the largest town, with about 1800 inhabitants. It has broad, clean streets, some 30 stores, one planing mill, one veneering factory and a great number of saw mills. Here would be a good chance to operate successfully a box factory. The city is lighted by gas ; the Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Catholics have houses of worship ; two public schools are sustained at a cost of \$12,000 a year. Taxes are as low as \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**—The county in 1894 put up a levee running parallel to the river, and has thus checked the formerly frequent overflows of the Mississippi river.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Pemiscot county has 295,689 acres assessed at \$997,495 ; her town lots are assessed at \$45,700 ; personal property at \$376,691 ; total assessed value of property, \$1,419,886. Assessed values are 72.60 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$1,955,765.

Pemiscot county's personal property consists mainly of—

1,817 horses, assessed at \$2.71 per head ; total.....	\$59,440
1,433 mules, assessed at \$38.09 per head ; total.....	54,600
7,613 neat cattle, assessed at \$6.56 per head ; total.....	49,945
461 sheep, assessed at \$1.10 per head ; total.....	510
13,468 hogs, assessed at \$1.58 per head ; total .....	21,330
Maney, bonds and notes.....	61,900
Schools in 1894.....	27
Teachers .....	36
Pupils.....	1,418
Amount spent on schools.....	\$6,015.99
Permanent school fund.....	8,335.73

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PERRY COUNTY.

Population, 13,908.

Southeast Missouri, on Mississippi river; traversed by Chester, Perryville & Farmington railroad; 75 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Rolling, with large area of table lands, limestone soil, fertile and well drained; 25,000 acres of river bottom, sandy loam and very productive. Abundance of red clay, lime, sandstone. Lead mined and marketed.

**WATER**—Mississippi river forms the eastern border; with many creeks, wells and cisterns, the water supply is abundant.

**ROADS**—Principally dirt; in good condition; about 25 miles of macadamized roads in county; tax, 12½ cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Large tracts of oak, ash, walnut, hickory, cherry and gum.

**COST OF LAND**—River bottoms, \$40 per acre; table lands, \$30; hilly land, \$10 to \$20 per acre; timber land, \$5 to \$15 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply, limited; condition, good; wages, \$13 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Wheat; time of growth, about eight months; yield per acre, 15 bushels; amount marketed by county per year, 500,000 bushels; average selling price last year, 55 cents; for five years past, 65 cents per bushel; bulk of crop raised near market. Besides wheat, all grains are raised to advantage—corn averaging 40 bushels per acre; small fruits and vegetables are raised in profusion. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised, and shipments of each made annually.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	1,499	Vegetables, pounds .....	16,758
Horses and mules, head .....	40	Honey, pounds.....	8,149
Hogs, head .....	8,079	Beeswax, pounds.....	111
Sheep, head .....	3,187	Dried fruit, pounds.....	4,027
Wheat, bushels .....	184,989	Tallow, pounds .....	6,546
Corn, bushels .....	3,799	Poultry, pounds .....	150,200
Oats, bushels.....	80	Butter, pounds.....	37,856
Bran, pounds .....	424,910	Eggs, dozen .....	326,970
Flour, barrels.....	47,295	Feathers, pounds.....	1,583
Potatoes, bushels.....	8,390	Nuts, bushels.....	1,070
Onions, bushels .....	1,046	Wool, pounds .....	47,416
Seed, bushels.....	5,409	Hides, pounds.....	44,690

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 13,908; native, German, Belgian and French. Churches, schools, newspapers, good society, refined people and many other advantages that tend to make it a delightful place of residence.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—This county is noted for the remarkably good health of its people, the greater portion of it being entirely free from malaria. It is a fine stock-raising district; its drainage is perfect and its hills and valleys furnish splendid grazing. Homeseekers will find a hearty welcome and many opportunities to get rich in a short time.

**PERRYVILLE**, the county seat, contains 1000 people; situated on Chester, Perryville & Farmington R. R. Cisterns and wells furnish the water supply for the town; macadamized streets; good sidewalks; lighted by oil lamps. Taxes—town, 35 cents; county, 37½ cents; school, 33½ cents, and State, 25 cents per \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Perryville has handsome Protestant and Catholic churches, public and parochial schools; a flourishing bank—\$25,000 capital, \$60,000 deposits; lodges of A. O. U. W.; many well stocked stores; flourishing mill, ice plant, marble yard, and a fine business opening for canning, wagon, plow factories, pork packing house and cold storage.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Perry county has 295,972 acres assessed at \$1,468,230; her town lots assessed at \$156,985; personal property assessed at \$1,204,909; total assessed value of property \$2,830,124. Assessed values are 36.44 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$7,766,532.

Perry county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,559 horses, assessed at \$23.21 per head ; total.....	\$105,835
2,563 mules, assessed at \$24.51 per head ; total.....	62,832
8,491 neat cattle, assessed at \$4.63 per head ; total .....	64,778
9,811 sheep, assessed at \$1.01 per head ; total.....	9,919
27,820 hogs, assessed at \$1.32 per head ; total.....	36,727
Money; notes and bonds.....	675,477
Schools in 1894.....	58
Teachers .....	62
Pupils .....	2,637
Amount spent on schools.....	\$16,480.88
Permanent school fund.....	14,196.13

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PETTIS COUNTY.

Population, 33,091.

Western Central Missouri; traversed by the Missouri Pacific and two of its branches; also, Missouri, Kansas & Texas; 60 miles west of Jefferson City; 80 miles east of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Prairies undulating enough to supply good drainage; wooded hills of low altitude along the streams. The bottom land is a black loam, very productive; when cleared of timber the land produces fine crops of grasses. Fire and potters' clay, lime and sandstones are found, with traces of lead and zinc.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs. Flat, Blackwater and Muddy creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition. Tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory and Walnut abundant for home use; cross ties and some lumber shipped.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal; wood, \$2 to \$2.50 per cord; coal, from \$2.25 to \$3.50 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$25 to \$50, according to location; timber land, \$12 to \$25 per acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Ample supply; condition, good; wages, from \$15 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn and wheat; average time of growth, corn, 5; wheat, 8 months; yield per acre, corn, 30 bushels; wheat, 20 bushels; average price last year, corn, 20 cents; wheat, 50 cents per bushel. Hay, oats, timothy, clover, small fruits and vegetables grow in profusion. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products was shipped out of the county in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	17,062	Apples, barrels .....	3,666
Horses and mules, head.....	1,456	Broom corn, ears.....	15
Hogs, head .....	31,893	Small fruits, pounds.....	243
Sheep, head .....	2,850	Wool, pounds .....	25,000
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	12	Game, pounds.....	1,415
Wheat, bushels.....	136,200	Butter, pounds.....	11,503
Corn, bushels .....	102,060	Eggs, dozen .....	820,130
Oats, bushels.....	70,400	Poultry, pounds .....	570,602
Mixed grain, bushels.....	700	Feathers, pounds.....	15,100
Flour, barrels.....	22,088	Hides, pounds .....	1,185,596
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	150,000	Junk, pounds.....	150,000
Flax, pounds...	210,000	Lime, barrels.....	300
Hay, bales.....	40,140	Cross ties .....	14,000
Tobacco, pounds .....	5,926	Logs, feet .....	20,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	474	Lumber, feet.....	260,000
Seed, bushels.....	750		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 33,091; churches, schools, newspapers, societies, lodges, refined and cultured people who give a hearty welcome to first-class newcomers.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Good, healthy climate; crops never fail; fine fruit and vegetable district; railroad facilities, good; land cheap and very productive; splendid opportunity for the investment of capital in the cattle business. Among a number of flourishing towns is Sedalia, the county seat.

SEDALIA, with its population of 20,000, unexcelled railroad facilities, plentiful water supply, miles of perfect streets and sidewalks, brilliantly lighted by electricity, 27 beautiful houses of worship, fine schools, six flourishing banks, many popular lodges, blocks of costly stores, avenues of handsome residences and industries of all kinds, makes Sedalia one of the most charming places to reside in, and desirable from a business point of view.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Pettis county has 427,203 acres assessed at \$4,538,105; her town lots are assessed at \$3,128,955; personal property assessed at \$2,363,658; total assessed value of property, \$10,030,718. Assessed values are 38.75 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$25,885,723.

Pettis county's personal property consists mainly of—

13,508 horses, assessed at \$19.97 per head ; total.....	\$269,845
4,071 mules, assessed at \$21.21 per head ; total.....	86,385
23,481 neat cattle, assessed at \$18.51 per head ; total.....	434,725
5,520 sheep, assessed at \$1.63 per head ; total .....	9,000
24,071 hogs, assessed at \$3.91 per head ; total.....	94,130
Money, notes and bonds.....	495,950
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	111
Number of teachers.....	180
Number of pupils.....	8,846
Amount spent on schools in 1894 .....	\$91,368.23
Permanent school fund.....	37,644.16

### PHELPS COUNTY.

Population, 12,670.

South Central Missouri. Traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco railroad ; 95 miles southwest of St. Louis ; 50 miles south of Jefferson City.

SOIL—Surface, rolling ; small valleys, with hills approaching the streams. Bottoms and valleys rich alluvium; hillsides and ridges sandy loam, both very productive. Superior quality of fire-clay; sand and limestone found and quarried. Iron, lead and zinc are known to exist; they were extensively mined, but of late have been neglected.

WATER—Pure spring and well waters are abundant. Gasconade, Big, Little and Meramec rivers with their tributaries flow through the county.

ROADS—Dirt roads throughout the county, in fair order. Tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

TIMBER—Different varieties of oak used for railroad ties, split fence posts and fuel; also considerable hickory and birch.

FUEL—Wood and coal. Wood, \$2 per cord ; coal, \$2.60 per ton.

COST OF LAND—Farm land, \$10 to \$40, according to location ; timber land, \$1.25 to \$10 per acre.

FARM LABOR—Sufficient for demand ; condition, good ; wages, \$13 to \$16 per month.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—Wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, potatoes, hay, fruits and vegetables. Wheat averages 17 bushels, corn, about 50 bushels per acre ; oats, 25 bushels ; rye, 15 bushels ; buckwheat, 20 bushels per acre. Fine hay producing county ; over 600 tons marketed

last year. Fine sheep raising district; large numbers shipped last year, also cattle and hogs.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,650	Eggs, dozen .....	219,120
Horses and mules, head.....	40	Poultry, pounds.....	315,462
Hogs, head .....	5,728	Feathers, pounds.....	13,539
Sheep, head .....	6,400	Dressed meat, pounds .....	2,597
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	256	Wood, cords.....	476
Wheat, bushels.....	39,300	Stone, cars .....	21
Corn, bushels .....	650	Sand, cars .....	802
Hay, bales .....	1,200	Iron ore, tons .....	60
Flour, barrels .....	7,595	Fire clay, cars.....	8
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	300,000	Cross ties .....	25,600
Seed, bushels.....	620	Junk, pounds.....	120,000
Dried fruit, pounds .....	1,570	Wool, pounds .....	44,365
Game, pounds.....	33,004	Hides, pounds.....	68,603
Butter, pounds.....	1,450		

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 12,670; many churches, schools, newspapers, refined society, good climate, abundance of water, crops never fail, no extremes of temperature; elevation, 1250 feet; no malaria; soil, fertile; free from drouth and hot winds; first-class immigration is welcomed. Among a number of growing towns is Rolla, the well-known county seat.

**ROLLA**—Population, 2500; situated on St. Louis & San Francisco railroad; supplied with water from cisterns and wells; macadamized streets; good sidewalks; lighted with oil lamps; nine churches; fine system of public schools; two flourishing banks; lodges of fraternal organizations; many well-stocked stores, flour mills, cigar and wagon factories and a fine business opening for a canning factory; taxes—city, 50 cents; county, 40 cents; State, 20 cents; school, 85 cents. Besides railroad towns are the “inland” towns of Edgar Springs, Lecomia and Vichy.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Phelps county has 381,980 acres assessed at \$1,121,740. Her town lots are assessed at \$322,370. Personal property assessed at \$568,019. Total assessed value of property, \$2,012,129. Assessed values are 24.80 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,113,358.

Phelps county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,345 horses, assessed at \$20.18 her head ; total .....	\$87,694
1,682 mules, assessed at \$21.33 per head ; total.....	35,886
11,133 neat cattle at \$8.89 per head ; total.....	99,034
10,589 sheep at 89 cents per head ; total.....	9,460
15,306 hogs at \$1.16 per head ; total.....	17,801
Money, notes and bonds.....	149,562
Schools in 1894 .....	77
Teachers .....	88
Pupils .....	3,591
Amount spent on schools.....	\$22,131.65
Permanent school fund .....	6,359.80

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### PIKE COUNTY.

Population, 26,321.

Northeast Missouri, on Mississippi river; traversed by Chicago & Alton and St. Louis & Hannibal railroads; 70 miles north of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Eastern part rolling, red soil; western portion level, black loam; both very productive; finest bottom lands in the State; western part particularly adapted for the raising of all grasses; fire-clay found here took the premium at the World's Fair; marble and limestone extensively quarried.

**WATER**—Drinking water mainly from springs and cisterns; the well known Kalinat bitter spring, through its wonderful medicinal qualities, works many cures each season; with the Mississippi river on the eastern border, salt river and numerous creeks, there is no lack of water for all purposes.

**ROADS**—Eighty miles of the finest pike roads in the State; the dirt roads are in good condition; taxes, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Very little timber left; some oak used in making ties.

**FUEL**—Coal and wood; soft coal, \$2.50 per ton; wood, \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$10 to \$50, according to the location; timber land, \$8 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply; principally negro; not very thrifty; wages, from \$16 to \$18 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat and corn; most of the wheat is shipped; the corn is fed to cattle. Average yield of wheat per acre, 15 bushels. About 450,000 bushels marketed last year (1895). Average selling price last year, 55 cents; for five years past, 65 cents per bushel. Corn brought 20 cents per bushel in 1895, and for five years previous

about 30 cents per bushel. This is one of the best cattle counties in the State; large numbers of dairy and beef cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped each year. Watermelons grow profusely in southeastern part of county.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides' home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	7,980	Grapes, crates and baskets.....	179
Horses and mules, head.....	1,525	Vinegar, gallons.....	28,360
Hogs, head.....	33,936	Fish, pounds .....	86,283
Sheep, head.....	8,540	Hides, pounds.....	3,039
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	81	Tallow, pounds .....	887
Wheat, bushels.....	413,020	Wool, pounds.....	8,448
Corn, bushels.....	93,600	Butter, pounds.....	4,280
Oats, bushels.....	50,400	Eggs, dozen.....	34,620
Hay, bales.....	14,993	Poultry, pounds.....	294,789
Seed, bushels.....	865	Nursery stock, pounds.....	288,207
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	1,080,000	Feathers, pounds....	2,461
Flour, barrels.....	29,021	Wood, cords.....	1,309
Corn meal, pounds.....	1,300	Stone, cars .....	303
Apples, bushels.....	11,814	Lime, barrels .....	60,300
Melons, cars .....	50	Ties.....	4,600

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 26,321; number of churches, schools and newspaper. Society composed of refined and cultured people. Nowhere in the State could a homeseeker settle among better people than are to be found in Pike county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy climate ; fine railroad facilities ; abundance of water; even temperature; fine stock-raising country ; good fruit-growing section ; Pike county apples are celebrated all over the country. There are more advantages and fewer disadvantages to offer first-class immigration in Pike than any other county in the State.

BOWLING GREEN is the county seat ; population, 2000 ; situated on the Chicago & Alton and Hannibal & St. Joe railroads ; supplied with water from cisterns, wells and springs ; good macadamized streets, fine pavements, and lighted by electricity. Taxes—town, 50 cents ; county, 30 cents ; school, 42 cents, and State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—This delightful county seat has eight beautiful houses of worship, two public schools and a well known college ; two flourishing banks ; lodges of the favorite fraternal orders ; many handsome and well stocked stores, pipe factory, and a fine business opening for a woolen mill and tannery. Within a radius of 10 miles are the inland towns of Ashley and Farmer.

**LOUISIANA**, located on the Mississippi river, is a city of 6000 inhabitants, and one of the industrial centers of Northeast Missouri.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Pike county has 423,000 acres assessed at \$4,219,582; her town lots are assessed at \$1,490,612; personal property assessed at \$2,218,359; total assessed value of property, \$7,928,553. Assessed values are 37.21 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$21,307,587.

Pike county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,643 horses, assessed at \$26.16 per head ; total.....	\$278,460
3,116 mules, assessed at \$26.43 per head ; total.....	82,360
16,402 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.16 per head ; total .....	232,311
10,922 sheep, assessed at \$1.82 cents per head ; total .....	19,841
24,939 hogs, assessed at \$2.62 per head ; total.....	65,476
Money, notes and bonds.....	915,477
Number of schools operated in 1891.....	111
Number of teachers.....	166
Number of pupils.....	6,267
Amount spent for school .....	\$33,685.93
Permanent school fund.....	5,332.10

### PLATTE COUNTY.

Population, 16,248.

Borders on the northern outskirts of Kansas City, and extends along the eastern bank of the Missouri river to within 20 miles of St. Joseph. It is traversed by the trunk lines of three large railroad systems, namely : K. C., St. J. & C. B., C. G. W. and C., R. I. & P.

**SOIL**—Brown clay and black prairie soil, one-third of the latter two-thirds of the former. High rolling timber land, now almost entirely cleared and cultivated ; both kinds of soil are very productive and equally adapted to wheat and corn growing.

**WATER**—Supply is taken from springs and wells and four tributaries of the Missouri river, which embrace the south and west, namely : Platte river, Bee Creek, Smith Fork and Limestone river.

**ROADS**—Were greatly improved during the last two years, and are now in excellent condition. Tax amounts to 10 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—County is nearly cleared, but there is sufficient for home consumption.

**FUEL**—Wood is used almost exclusively, a cord costing from \$2.50 to \$3.

**COST OF LAND**—Well cultivated lands, from \$35 to \$45 an acre ; pasture land, from \$5 to \$10 an acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Farm hands receive from \$12 to \$18 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn is king in Platte county, as in all north-western counties of the State; maturing in five months and yielding 35 bushels to the acre. In 1895 the corn crop was valued at \$200,000. Next to corn comes the wheat crop, which is valued at \$170,000. Rye, oats and buckwheat are profitably grown. Blue grass being indigenous, cattle raising is followed to a great extent; hogs, however, are the chief product. Platte county has one great advantage over many other counties: that is, its proximity to the markets. Three large cities, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Atchison, are situated on the very borders of the county. To either of them stock can be driven and conveniently reached by wagon.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, hogs and sheep, head . . . . .	55,522	Hay, bales.....	1,300
Horses and mules, head . . . . .	253	Ship-stuff, pounds.....	814,580
Mixed live-stock, cars . . . . .	2	Mixed grain, bushels.....	700
Fruits and vegetables, pounds.....	8,498,905	Corn meal, pounds .....	4,165
Lumber and logs, feet.....	1,010,000	Small fruits, crates and baskets....	693
Seed, bushels.....	765	Wood, cords.....	567
Flour, barrels.....	12,894	Hides, pounds.....	53,658
Potatoes, bushels.....	7,221	Tallow, pounds .....	2,852
Tobacco, pounds . . . . .	10,007	Butter, pounds .....	1,796
Cider, gallons.....	20,040	Eggs, dozen .....	951,600
Syrup, gallons .....	4,000	Poultry, pounds .....	97,888
Fish, pounds .....	8,511	Charcoal, cars.....	6
Wheat, bushels .....	237,000	Cooperage, cars .....	24
Corn and oats, bushels..... . . . . .	42,556		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Of the 17,000 inhabitants, 75 per cent are of old Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee stock; 25 per cent are new comers, mostly thrifty farmers of German extraction. Churches, representing all denominations, are not only found in the towns but dispersed throughout the county; schoolhouses are so closely established that in no case need one travel more than a mile to reach an excellent school.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Climate is moderate; soil of good quality. The bottom lands of the Missouri river invite enterprising farmers to embark in fruit and vegetable raising. Not only is the Kansas City market within convenient reach by wagon, but two canning factories in Edgerton and Dearborn, absorb whatever might be grown.

**PLATTE CITY**—The county seat, with a population of 700, is situated on the Chicago, R. I. & P. It has a bank, one public school, five churches and twelve general merchandise stores. Of fraternal orders the Masons, Odd Fellows, K. of P. and Legion of Honor are represented.

**WESTON**—On the K. C., St. J. & C. B., with 1400 inhabitants, is the largest town and does a flourishing business. It has a brewery, several brick yards, a dairy, a bank and a great number of stores. The streets are all paved and lighted by electricity.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Platte county has 259,252 acres assessed at \$3,127,840 ; her town lots are assessed at \$381,050 ; personal property assessed at \$1,524,990 ; total assessed value of property, \$5,033,920 Assessed values in the county are 33.15 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$15,185,279.

Platte county's personal property consists mainly of—

7,175 horses assessed at \$25.18 per head ; total.....	\$180,700
2,662 mules assessed at \$26.08 per head ; total.....	69,450
15,680 neat cattle assessed at \$12.75 per head ; total.....	197,255
3,458 sheep assessed at \$1.36 per head ; total.....	4,715
21,574 hogs assessed at \$2.81 per head ; total.....	68,945
Money, notes and bonds.....	721,495
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	84
Teachers .....	87
Pupils .....	3,874
Amount spent on schools in 1894.....	\$33,228.28
Permanent school fund.....	12,787.72

## POLK COUNTY.

Population, 22,641.

Southwest Missouri ; traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco and Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroads ; 95 miles from Jefferson City, and 120 miles southeast of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—The larger streams are bordered by bottoms from one-eighth to one-fourth mile wide, followed by two to three miles of rough country, rising to an upland, gently rolling prairie or timbered country ; the soil is chiefly of a limestone formation, and generally productive ; the bottoms are a black loam, very fertile.

**WATER**—Many springs and wells of clear, pure water, and some fine mineral springs ; Pomme de Terre and Sac rivers with their tributaries drain the county.

**ROADS**—Usual country roads ; in dry weather in good condition.

**TIMBER**—Different varieties of oak, hickory, walnut and maple; some lumber and ties shipped.

**FUEL**—Almost exclusively wood; \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$10 to \$35; timber land, \$2.50 to \$20 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Room for more; condition, fair; wages, from \$12.50 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat, corn, oats, hay and flax. Fine country for flax, which yields abundantly; over 240,000 pounds shipped in 1894; no better district for the raising of cattle, sheep and hogs.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	4,347	Game, pounds.....	35,582
Horses and mules, head .....	480	Poultry, pounds.....	293,784
Hogs, head .....	28,810	Butter, pounds.....	8,108
Sheep, head .....	1,260	Eggs, dozen.....	389,190
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	142	Feathers, pounds .....	2,794
Wheat, bushels.....	63,000	Lumber, feet.....	117,000
Corn, bushels .....	11,700	Cross ties .....	2,400
Oats, bushels .....	800	Wood, cords.....	2,933
Hay, bales.....	2,000	Charcoal, cars.....	115
Flax, pounds.....	240,000	Building brick, cars.....	5
Flour, barrels.....	12,000	Lime, barrels .....	300
Apples, bushels.....	5,535	Wool, pounds.....	28,350
Dried fruit, pounds.....	2,950	Hides, pounds.....	58,140

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 22,641; educational and religious advantages are unexcelled; many newspapers and fraternal orders are flourishing throughout the county. In comparison to fertility, land is very cheap; no better county in the State for general farming and stock raising; feeding season, short. Capital can find many good investments among these thrifty, intelligent people, who welcome first-class immigration. Bolivar is the county seat.

**BOLIVAR**—Is a growing town, with a population exceeding 2000; situated on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. Well supplied with water, graded streets, sidewalks and lighted with oil lamps. There are many stores representing the different branches of trade; churches, schools, lodges, and a fine business opening for a canning factory, wagon and plow work.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Polk county has 400,501 acres assessed at \$1,945,944; her town lots are assessed at \$416,807; personal property assessed at \$1,427,039; total assessed value of property in



county is \$3,789,790. Assessed values are 33.10 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$11,449,615.

Polk county's personal property consists mainly of—

11,130 horses, assessed at \$23.18 per head ; total .....	\$258,091
4,069 mules, assessed at \$24.75 per head ; total.....	100,712
15,194 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.80 per head ; total.....	164,203
10,791 sheep, assessed at 1.01 per head ; total.....	10,937
32,143 hogs, assessed at \$2.32 per head ; total.....	74,889
<b>Money, notes and bonds .....</b>	<b>492,471</b>
Schools in 1894.....	96
Teachers .....	135
Pupils.....	6,771
<b>Amount spent for schools .....</b>	<b>\$33,571.36</b>
Permanent school fund.....	46,394

### PULASKI COUNTY.

Population, 10,455.

South Central Missouri; traversed by St. Louis & San Francisco railroad; 50 miles south of Jefferson City; 120 miles southwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Mostly broken uplands and hills; river bottoms and valleys a rich black loam, and very fertile; the uplands, while good for farming, are not as good and as productive as the low lands. Good brick clay, sand and limestone are utilized; lead and iron are found, but are not mined to any extent.

**WATER**—Many large springs furnishing an abundance of water; Gasconade and Piny rivers and many creeks effect a most perfect, natural drainage for this county.

**ROADS**—During the dry season the dirt roads are in good condition.

**TIMBER**—Oaks, hickory, walnut and maple. Some lumber and railroad ties are shipped.

**FUEL**—An abundant supply of wood, 75 cents per cord; little or no coal used.

**COST OF LAND**—Choice, \$50 per acre; average, \$10; timber land, from \$1.25 to \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Good workers can find plenty of work, from \$12 to \$16 per month, with first-class board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, oats, fruits and vegetables are grown in abundance; the prairies yield large crops of grasses; wheat averages 15 bushels, oats 15 bushels, corn 40 bushels per acre. Good district for sheep-raising; cattle and hogs are raised to advantage, and many shipped annually.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	1,926	Game, pounds .....	20,551
Horses and mules, head .....	120	Tallow, pounds.....	1,505
Hogs, head .....	9,005	Poultry, pounds .....	264,706
Sheep, head .....	1,890	Butter, pounds.....	1,598
Mixed live-stock, cars . ....	147	Eggs, dozen .....	167,490
Wheat, bushels .....	35,800	Feathers, pounds.....	1,280
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	44,015	Lumber, feet .....	99,000
Bran, pounds .....	57,350	Cross ties .....	31,000
Hay, bales.....	1,800	Wool, pounds .....	29,942
Flour, barrels .....	1,818	Hides, pounds .....	20,050

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—One could travel through the entire State and find no county in which there are as many educational and religious advantages as are to be had here ; schools may be found every few miles, and churches are supported in every settlement ; the society throughout the county is composed of law abiding, honest, intelligent and refined people ; homeseekers can find no more pleasant country in which to reside than in Pulaski county.

WAYNESVILLE is the **county seat** ; situated a little ways off the railroad ; abundantly supplied with water from cisterns and wells ; good streets and sidewalks, and well lighted by oil lamps. This beautiful town has many well stocked stores, two churches, a good public school, many beautiful homes and a community of cultured citizens who extend a hearty welcome to all new comers.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Pulaski county has 224,842 acres assessed at \$636,465 ; her town lots are assessed at \$129,765 ; personal property assessed at \$458,865 ; total assessed value of property, \$1,225,095. Assessed values are 35.50 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$3,450,972.

Pulaski county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,791 horses, assessed at \$23.29 per head ; total .....	\$88,305
1,175 mules, assessed at \$25.06 per head ; total .....	29,455
9,409 neat cattle at \$10.15 per head ; total .....	95,570
9,043 sheep, assessed at \$1.06 per head ; total.....	9,610
15,696 hogs, assessed at \$1.53 per head ; total.....	24,065
Money, notes and bonds.....	95,280
Schools in 1894.....	60
Teachers .....	68
Pupils.....	3,777
Amount spent on schools.....	\$12,012.13
Permanent school fund.....	11,861.23

## PUTNAM COUNTY.

Population, 16,270.

Situated on the northern State line, about 235 miles northwest of St. Louis and 130 miles northeast of Kansas City. C., M. & St. P., O., B. & K. C. and Q., O. & K. C. roads traverse the county.

**SOIL**—Surface a rolling prairie, with black, sandy soil ; good timber land along the creeks. Fully one-half of the county underlaid with extensive coal fields and many large coal mines are operated. Fire clay and limestone are found in abundance.

**WATER**—Supply is good. Springs and wells furnish a clear, wholesome drinking water. The Chariton, Blackbird, Shoals, Locust (two forks), and Medine creeks, tributaries of the Missouri, furnish ample water supply for stock raisers.

**ROADS**—Are in fair condition ; road taxes, 20 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—An abundance of oak, black walnut, hickory, maple and elm cover the banks of the creeks, and shipments of cross-ties and furniture lumber are made.

**FUEL**—Coal at \$1.50 a ton is in general use, though good wood can be had for \$1.25 to \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land costs from \$15 to \$35 an acre ; pasture land, from \$15 to \$20 an acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply is good ; wages are low ; range from \$12.50 to \$18 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn is the principal crop ; it matures in five months ; yields from 50 to 75 bushels per acre ; very little of it is marketed. Wheat yields from 10 to 40 bushels ; oats from 20 to 60 bushels per acre ; hay from 2 to 4 tons. The distance from the large markets does not permit a direct shipping of these commodities, with the exception, perhaps, of wheat. Corn, oats and hay are almost exclusively fed to stock. The rich pasture land, with its indigenous blue grass, gives great prominence to stock raising in this county. Cattle is the main product of the stock farm, with hogs, horses, mules and sheep raised as to number in the order named.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	8,532	Molasses, gallons .....	130
Horses and mules, head.....	806	Hides, pounds .....	29,675
Hogs, head.....	7,760	Butter, pounds.....	26,780
Sheep, head.....	1,980	Eggs, dozen .....	169,164
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	2	Poultry, pounds.....	323,111
Wheat, bushels.....	133	Lumber, feet.....	126,000
Corn, bushels.....	15,600	Logs, feet.....	80,000
Oats, bushels.....	10,400	Ties .....	19,000
Hay, bales.....	180	Junk, pounds .....	121,850
Seed, bushels.....	8,017	Building brick, car.....	1
Bran, pounds .....	72,000	Cooperage, cars .....	17
Flour, barrels.....	224	Wool, pounds.....	38,816
Apples, bushels.....	1,557	Coal, tons.....	75,300

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—The major portion of the 16,270 inhabitants are native born Americans; some foreign born citizens are found in the mining camps in and near Mendota. The county has 25 churches, including all the prominent denominations, and some 85 public schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The moderate price of land, with an abundance of good water and rich pastures, make stock-raising especially profitable. Climate is healthful and mild. Fruit-raising (apples) has during the last five years developed into a profitable pursuit.

UNIONVILLE, the county seat, with 1800 inhabitants, is reached by the C., B. & Q. railroad; it is a wide-awake little town, with good wells, wide, clean streets and sidewalks; it has two flour mills, two national banks and a number of drug, grocery and general merchandise stores. As the town is situated in the center of numerous and prosperous farms, a creamery would be a profitable business venture. A box factory, a planing mill and a foundry would more than likely meet with success. There are four churches in Unionville—Presbyterian, Catholic, Methodist and Christian. Of fraternal organizations there are a G. A. R. camp, Masons, Odd Fellows and K. of P. lodges. Other towns are Mendota, with 1000 inhabitants, in the midst of the mining district; Powersville, on the M. & St. Paul railroad.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**—The rich coal seams of the county are only partially developed and great fortunes lie still buried in the depths of the earth.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Putnam county has 329,498 acres assessed at \$2,071,722; her town lots are assessed at \$222,431; personal property assessed at \$1,143,844; total assessed value of property, \$3,437,-

**997.** Assessed values are 37.05 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of the county is estimated at \$9,279,344.

Putnam county's personal property consists mainly of—

11,840 horses, assessed at \$20 per head; total.....	\$236,895
1,038 mules, assessed at \$17.55 per head; total .....	18,237
24,075 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.67 per head; total.....	257,073
11,976 sheep, assessed at 98 cents per head; total .....	11,856
18,681 hogs, assessed at \$1.70 per head; total .....	31,914
Money, notes and bonds.....	331,270
School in 1894 .....	85
Teachers .....	85
Pupils.....	5,706
Amount spent on schools.....	\$31,651.87
Permanent school fund.....	34,252.42

### RALLS COUNTY.

Population, 12,522.

Borders the Mississippi river; about 95 miles north of St. Louis. The St. L., K. & N. W., H., & St. J., St. L. & H., M., K. & T. and C. & A. afford ample railroad facilities.

**SOIL**—One-half of the area of the county consists of an undulating prairie; the other half, rolling timber and low bottom land. The bottom land between the Salt and Mississippi rivers is an alluvial, rich, productive land; the prairie, of black loam; the timbered ridges consist of red clay, well adapted for wheat growing and orchards. About 25 square miles of the area is underlaid with rich coal veins.

**WATER**—The main water course of the county is the Salt river, a tributary of the Mississippi; other streams are the Spencer and Lick creek, in the southern and southwestern portions of the county. Fine springs, wells and cisterns furnish an abundance of wholesome drinking water.

**ROADS**—The county has about 30 miles of good stone and gravel roads, all kept in excellent condition; road tax, 10 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Is found in abundance. Oak, walnut, elm and maple cover the ridges along the Mississippi and Salt rivers; large quantities are annually shipped in the shape of railroad ties and furniture lumber.

**FUEL**—Coal is mined and shipped for home use, cost is \$2 a ton; wood, \$2 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land at present sells for \$15 to \$50; pasture land, \$10 to \$30 an acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Is rather short; farm hands receive from \$10 to \$20 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn is grown in preference to all other cereals, but for stock feeding only; wheat is marketed to the extent of 100,000 bushels a year; corn yields 40 bushels per acre; wheat, 15 bushels; oats, 30 bushels, and potatoes, 100 bushels. Special care is given to orchards and poultry. Ralls county ranks high among the stock-raising counties; hogs, cattle and fine horses being the principal products of the stock farm. Her Jersey and Durham breeds of cattle have established a reputation for the county as a fine cattle country.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	4,820	Butter, pounds.....	2,670
Horses and mules, head .....	200	Eggs, dozen .....	17,220
Hogs, head .....	17,764	Poultry, pounds .....	735,585
Sheep, head.....	3,600	Feathers, pounds.....	95
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	19	Fish, pounds.....	2,080
Wheat, bushels .....	96,600	Plums, pounds.....	586
Oats, bushels.....	28,800	Lumber, feet .....	36,000
Hay, bales.....	16,740	Ties, feet.....	1,000
Seed, bushels .....	7,000	Wood, cords.....	735
Broom-corn, cars.....	5	Junk, pounds .....	120,000
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	30,000	Coal, tons.....	6,280
Apples, bushels.....	3,150	Cooperage, cars.....	2

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Besides six district schools, there is a normal school, 28 churches, representing the Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Catholic faith; of fraternal orders are noted the Farmers' Alliance and the Patriarchs of America; population, 12,522; principally American born; in the northeastern part, near Hannibal, the Germans have settled in great numbers; in the southwest a few Swedes.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Ralls county is of late the El Dorado of homeseekers; low prices for land, excellent quality of soil, adapted to nearly all agricultural pursuits, attracts those who desire to embark in a profitable money-making business. The climate is excellent, as is the case in all northeast Missouri.

**NEW LONDON**—On the St. L. & H. railroad, with nearly 1000 inhabitants, is the county seat. It has two banks, a number of general stores, a canning factory and a flour mill. As broom-corn is grown in the bottom lands, a broom factory would doubtless prove a profitable enterprise for a new comer. The streets are wide, clean

and well paved. Other towns are Perry, at the terminus of the St. L. & H. branch and Rensalear, on the M., K. & T.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Ralls county has 304,852 acres assessed at \$2,599,305; her town lots are assessed at \$163,435; personal property is assessed at \$1,032,835; total assessed value of property, \$3,795,575. Assessed values are 32.95 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$11,519,196.

Ralls county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,130 horses, assessed at \$22.32 per head; total.....	\$136,865
1,345 mules, " 20.05 " " .....	26,970
11,417 neat cattle, " 11.39 " " .....	130,060
4,774 sheep, " 1.62 " " .....	7,735
16,725 hogs, " 2.32 " " .....	39,125
Money, notes and bonds.....	471,135
Schools in 1894 .....	72
Teachers.....	88
Pupils.....	3,240
Amount spent on schools.....	\$19,870 85
Permanent school fund,.....	12,245.11

### RANDOLPH COUNTY.

Population, 25,964.

North Central Missouri; about 60 miles north of the State Capital and 150 miles northwest of St. Louis. The Wabash railroad (trunk line and a branch), M., K. & T. and C. & A. afford ample railroad accommodations.

**SOIL**—One-third of the county is undulating prairie, with black loam; the balance timbered or cleared rolling land. Fine limestone abounds; fully three-fourths of the county is underlaid with rich coal fields; layers of fire and potters' clay crop out at numerous points.

**WATER**—Two forks of the Grand Chariton river cross the county; springs, wells and cisterns furnish a pure healthy drinking water for man and beast.

**ROADS**—Are in excellent condition, owing to the fact that the county expends annually some \$6000 on its public highways.

**TIMBER**—Several varieties of oak, maple and black walnut cover the ridges along the water courses; considerable shipments of lumber show that the timber supply more than suffices home consumption.

**FUEL**—Coal is of a superior quality; costs \$1.75 per ton; wood, \$2 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Good farm land sells for \$25 an acre; timber and pasture land, from \$7 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply is good at the moderate price of \$15 a month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, the main crop, yields 48 bushels, wheat 15, and oats some 35 bushels to an acre. Large as the corn crop is, the county ships little of it, as it is more profitably fed to the stock. A prominent farming feature in Randolph is the large area of pasture land with its abundant and luxuriant growth of indigenous blue grass; advantages are thus furnished in stock-raising which, if properly utilized, yield good profits.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	10,764	Tallow, pounds.....	240,080
Horses and mules, head .....	1,104	Butter, pounds.....	6,427
Hogs, head .....	26,523	Eggs, dozen .....	61,860
Sheep, head .....	10,278	Poultry, pounds .....	429,453
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	17	Lumber, feet.....	81,000
Wheat, bushels .....	28,200	Piling, feet .....	215,000
Oats, bushels.....	1,925	Cooperage, cars.....	81
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	510,000	Cross ties .....	47,600
Hay, bales.....	6,000	Coal, tons .....	135,400
Flax, pounds.....	180,000	Junk, pounds.....	690,000
Corn meal, pounds .....	9,830	Brick, cars.....	210
Flour, barrels .....	4,703	Wool, pounds.....	87,274
Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	1,044	Hides, pounds.....	266,717
Nursery stock, pounds.....	18,500	Pelts, pounds.....	44,970
Game, pounds. ....	6,021		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—A strong immigration mostly of thrifty German farmers has increased the population to 25,961. Numerous churches, representing all prominently known denominations, and 80 schools bespeak the moral and enlightened community which is claimed for it. Of fraternal orders there are the Masons, A. O. U. W., K. of P. and Maccabees.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The very moderate prices of land, and the mild, healthful climate has attracted in the four years a great many homeseekers, who have generally improved their condition and become happy and contented citizens of Randolph county; the same favorable conditions prevail today. For stock-raising and fruit-growing there is hardly a county in the State better adapted for either than Randolph.

**HUNTSVILLE**—The county seat, on the Wabash railroad, contains about 2500 inhabitants, has a bank, nine churches, two schools, two flour mills and numerous stores. There is a good opening for

a woolen mill; a foundry and stave factory. The town is lighted by gas, has fine macadamized streets, and very hospitable citizens.

**MOBERLY**—Eight miles east of Huntsville, at the crossing of the M., K. & T. and Wabash railroads, has some 10,000 inhabitants. Here are the large car shops of the Wabash railroad; the town does a good wholesale, retail and manufacturing business, and stands eighth in population among the large towns of the State.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Randolph county has 308,572 acres assessed at \$2,509,525; her town lots are assessed at \$1,236,175; personal property assessed at \$1,605,410; total assessed value of property, \$5,351,110. Assessed values are 25.19 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$21,242,993.

Randolph county's personal property consists mainly of—

9,190 horses, assessed at \$23.59 per head; total.....	\$216,850
2,491 mules, assessed at \$25.78 per head; total.....	64,223
13,602 neat cattle, assessed at \$21.10 per head; total .....	287,095
9,198 sheep, assessed at \$1.97 per head; total.....	18,256
14,092 hogs, assessed at \$3.35 per head; total .....	47,237
Money, notes and bonds .....	563,824
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	93
Number of teachers .....	126
Number of pupils .....	6,115
Amount spent for schools .....	\$71,642.70
Permanent school fund .....	29,140.00

## RAY COUNTY.

Population, 26,227.

On the northern bank of the Missouri river, some 30 miles east of Kansas City. The Wabash, two branches of the Topeka & Santa Fe, and the C. M. & St. Paul railroads afford ample railway facilities.

**SOIL**—Rolling prairie with timber land along the creeks and rivulets, bottom land on the southern border, level prairie in the southeastern incline. Black soil in the low prairies, yellow clay or loam in the rolling prairie.

**WATER**—Besides the Missouri river bounding the county on the south, its four tributaries, the Limestone and Softwater, the Crooked river and Fishing river traverse it from north to south. Springs and wells furnish an ample supply of drinking water.

**ROADS**—County roads are kept in a fair condition, with the insignificant tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—A limited quantity of oak, cottonwood and elm grown along the water courses, furnishing all that is needed for the home supply.

**FUEL**—Coal, (mined in the county of excellent quality), \$2 per ton; wood, \$1.50 to \$2 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—First-class farm land costs from \$35 to \$50 an acre; pasture land, \$15.

**FARM LABOR**—Is cheap; \$15 a month and board is paid a first-class farm hand.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn matures in five months, yielding 40 bushels to an acre. The annual average surplus of corn marketed is about 300,000 bushels; the estimated total value of corn crop for 1895 is \$200,000; wheat is second in quantity, yielding about 20 bushels to an acre; oats, 35 bushels; hay is grown for home use only. Ray county, with its large area of rich soil, is unusually well adapted to stock raising, (cattle and hogs). Apples yield a large profit, so does garden truck, celery, tomatoes, strawberries, blackberries and raspberries on account of the proximity of good local and city markets, which are within a distance of 36 miles.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	16,470	Small fruits, crates and baskets ....	52
Horses and mules, head .....	240	Game, pounds .....	8,600
Hogs, head.....	34,246	Furs, pounds....	25
Sheep, head.....	2,430	Lard, pounds .....	125
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	38	Tallow, pounds .....	300
Wheat, bushels .....	117,600	Pelts, pounds .....	1,115
Corn, bushels.....	101,400	Wool, pounds.....	4,650
Oats, bushels.....	4,800	Hides, pounds.....	875,232
Ship stuff, pounds.....	146,300	Butter, pounds .....	4,936
Rye, bushels .....	700	Eggs, dozen.....	72,960
Flour, barrels.....	4,900	Poultry, pounds.....	410,122
Corn meal, pounds .....	581	Lumber, feet.....	2,799,000
Seed, bushels.....	1,681	Piling, feet .....	35,000
Hay, bales.....	360	Ties.....	1,200
Apples, barrels.....	162	Logs, feet .....	15,000
Potatoes, bushels.....	6,309	Stone, cars .....	114
Dried fruit, pounds.....	900	Coal, tons.....	132,520
Dressed meat, pounds.....	60,040		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Farmers are of old American stock, interspersed with a few Germans. There are twenty-seven churches in the county, outside of Richmond, and some ninety-eight schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The healthful climate, good water, fine school houses, stately churches, a thriving, law-abiding population, are great inducements for homeseekers. The cheapness of the land, the undeveloped resources of the soil, promise profitable pursuits to investors. The large and excellent coal fields are scarcely touched. Fruit-growing and stock-raising (cattle, hogs), are profitable enterprises.

**RICHMOND**—On the A., T. & S. F. railroad, with a population exceeding 3000, is the **county seat**. It has fine water drawn from wells and cisterns (water-works being in course of construction). The town is lighted by electricity; the streets are wide and clean. There are three banking houses, a number of stores, a flour mill and a saw mill. Ten fine churches representing the Methodist, Christian, Baptist, Presbyterian and Catholic faith, a college, Woodson Institute, and two public schools are among the memorable buildings of Richmond. Of fraternal orders there are A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., K. of P., A. O. U. W. and Maccabees. Other towns in the county are Camden City (750), and Hardin (750), on the Wabash railroad.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Ray county has 354,696 acres assessed at \$3,471,835; her town lots are assessed at \$559,060; personal property assessed at \$2,446,685; total assessed value of property, \$6,477,580. Assessed values are 41.85 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$15,478,088.

Ray county's personal property consists mainly of—

12,369 horses, assessed at \$17.26 per head; total.....	\$213,610
4,715 mules, assessed at \$19.90 per head; total.....	93,845
20,002 neat cattle, assessed at \$15.88 per head; total.....	317,740
5,149 sheep, assessed at \$1.59 per head; total.....	8,225
42,306 hogs, assessed at \$3 per head; total.....	127,265
Money, notes and bonds.....	1,115,690
Number of schools operated in county.....	100
Teachers.....	125
Pupils.....	6,646
Amount spent for schools in 1894.....	\$54,409.02
Permanent school fund.....	59,166.35

## REYNOLDS COUNTY.

Population, 7088.

Southeast Missouri—Missouri Southern narrow-gauge railroad passes through the southern part of the county; 100 miles south of St. Louis.

SOIL—Hilly, except in valleys and streams and pretty well timbered; clay formation on the hills; in the valleys black sandy loam, very fertile, and producing all the cereals; a number of different clays, granite, marble, lime and sandstone found in large quantities, but not quarried; lead, copper and iron deposits not developed.

WATER—Many springs of pure clear water are found; middle fork of Black river and a number of creeks flow through the county.

ROADS—Dirt, in fair condition; tax, 5 cents on \$100 valuation.

TIMBER—Large quantities of white, black and red oak, hickory, ash, yellow pine and gum. Large shipments of logs are made each year; over 13,000,000 feet shipped in 1894.

FUEL—Abundance of wood at \$1 per cord.

COST OF LAND—Farm land, \$5 to \$30; timber land, \$2.50 to \$5 per acre.

FARM LABOR—Plenty of workers; condition, good; wages, from \$13 to \$20 per month.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—Hay, corn, wheat, oats and potatoes yield good crops; fruits and vegetables grow in profusion; all the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised.

SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES—Population, 7088; many churches and district schools; plenty of vacant land for homeseekers; land is cheap and productive. Black river, with its many tributaries furnish an abundant supply of clear, pure water; one of the finest timber counties in the State; health of county is good; scarcely any malaria; crops never fail. Among the educational advantages, which are many, the county normal school holds its session in the county seat each year. Centreville is the county seat.

CENTERVILLE—Population, 250; supplied with excellent water from wells and springs; graded streets, stores stocked with all needful goods, two churches, fine public school, Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, and a fine opening for a wagon factory. About eight miles distant is the wide-awake town of Lesterville. Capital can be well invested in Reynolds county in either land or timber.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Reynolds county has 489,666 acres assessed \$1,175,691; her town lots are assessed at \$12,155; personal property assessed at \$387,384; total assessed value of property, \$1,575,-230. Assessed values are 80.86 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$1,948,095

Reynolds county's personal property consists mainly of—

2,351 horses, assessed at \$31.47 per head ; total.....	\$73,936
1,265 mules, assessed at \$38.31 per head ; total.....	48,465
8,340 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.17 per head ; total.....	68,203
6,600 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head ; total.....	6,611
11,626 hogs, assessed at \$1.51 per head ; total.....	17,568
Money, notes and bonds .....	82,130
Number of schools in 1894.....	51
Number of teachers.....	51
Number of pupils.....	2,244
Amount spent on schools in 1894.....	\$9,636.60
Permanent school fund.....	4,538.42

## RIPLEY COUNTY.

Population, 9810.

Southeast Missouri, borders State line; traversed by branch of Iron Mountain railroad to Doniphan, the county seat; 145 miles south of St. Louis, Mo.

**SOIL**—Rolling hills and valleys; in southeast portion of county there are some swamps which are being rapidly redeemed; the soil, generally speaking, is very fertile; clay for brick making; lime and sandstone for building are found.

**WATER**—Current and Little Black rivers and many creeks flow through the county, making the water supply abundant.

**ROADS**—Reasonable good dirt roads, kept up from the general county fund; no special tax.

**TIMBER**—Quantities of yellow pine and oak; considerable lumber shipped each year.

**FUEL**—Mostly wood; \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$10 to \$15; timber land, \$5 to \$8; swamp land, \$1.25 to \$3 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply of good workers who command from \$15 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat and oats yield good crops each year; small fruits and vegetables yield abundantly; besides home consumption a number of cattle, sheep and hogs are shipped.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,188	Feathers, pounds.....	135
Hogs, head .....	4,080	Lumber, feet.....	6,543,000
Sheep, head .....	450	Cooperage, cars .....	64
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	8	Cross ties .....	35,000
Game, pounds.....	107	Building brick, cars.....	2
Poultry, pounds.....	48,513	Junk, pounds.....	30,000
Eggs, dozen .....	420	Hides, pounds.....	492

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 9810; a well-known academy; many churches and schools scattered throughout the county. The people are hospitable, industrious, intelligent, and welcome first-class immigration. Homeseekers can find many opportunities to settle to advantage in Ripley county. The health of the people is above the average. Land is cheap; water supply is abundant. With capital the lumber industry could be made to assume enormous proportions. Among a number of towns is Doniphan, the county seat.

**DONIPHAN**—Population about 1500; situated on a branch of Iron Mountain & Southern railroad; abundantly supplied with water from many pumps; graded streets and plank walks; lighted with oil lamp. Doniphan has Catholic and Protestant churches, a good public school, one bank; lodges, A. F. & A. M., A. O. U. W., K. of P., and a number of well stocked stores. Besides the railroad towns, there are a number of "inland" towns, among them, Ponder, Bennett, Fair Dealing and Current View, all growing towns and desirable places in which to reside.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Ripley county has 369,331 acres assessed at \$1,258,960; her town lots are assessed at \$157,466; personal property assessed at \$399,086; total assessed value of property, \$1,815,512. Assessed values are 73.69 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$2,463,715.

Ripley county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,149 horses, assessed at \$25.31 per head; total.....	\$79,714
1,123 mules, assessed at \$31.89 per head; total.....	35,823
8,710 neat cattle, assessed at \$5.96 per head; total.....	51,947
4,432 sheep, assessed at 98 cents per head; total .....	4,375
16,837 hogs, assessed at \$1.01 per head; total.....	17,120
Money, notes and bonds.....	85,740
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	56
Number of teachers.....	60
Number of pupils.....	3,590
Amount spent for schools.....	\$15,632.43
Permanent school fund.....	20,864.90

### ST. CHARLES COUNTY.

Population, 22,977.

Between Missouri and Mississippi rivers, some 25 miles north of St. Louis. St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern, Hannibal & St. Joseph, Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Wabash railways traverse the county.

SOIL—Eastern half of county is bottom land, with rich alluvial soil, very fertile. Western half is rolling, cleared timber land.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—Principal crop is wheat; next comes corn. County shipped in 1894 the following handsome surplus:

Cattle, head.....	2,451	Onions, bushels.....	3,951
Hogs, head.....	17,514	Wine, gallons .....	21,163
Sheep, head .....	2,012	Tallow, pounds.....	30,900
Horses and mules, head .....	124	Fish, pounds .....	27,343
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	100	Seed, bushels.....	74,116
Wheat, bushels.....	722,990	Butter, pounds .....	185,118
Corn, bushels .....	100,490	Eggs, dozen.....	1,637,190
Oats, bushels.....	3,221	Poultry, pounds .....	744,577
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	974,434	Honey, pounds .....	5,000
Mixed grain, bushels.....	17,500	Lumber, feet.....	396,000
Hay, bales.....	720	Ties .....	18,000
Meal, pounds.....	24,400	Brick, cars .....	209
Flour, barrels.....	34,520	Molasses, gallons.....	25,000
Potatoes, bushels. ....	2,031	Dressed meat, pounds.....	135,682
Wool, pounds .....	54,500	Vegetables, pounds.....	23,760

**ST. CHARLES**, the county seat, is on the Missouri river and railroad station of the Wabash and Missouri, Kansas & Texas railways. It has some 7000 inhabitants. The city is lighted by electricity, has extensive water works and a gas plant; streets are graded and substantially paved; manufactories are largely represented; car works, tobacco factory, two breweries, two flour mills, several brick-yards, stone quarries and a corn-cob pipe factory. The churches count among the finest in the State; so do the three public school buildings and the Lindenwood college. St. Charles invites capital to embark in the manufacturing of shoes, woolen goods and creamery products.

**AUGUSTA**, on the bank of the Missouri river, some 25 miles above St. Charles, is in the center of the wine-growing portion of the county.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—St. Charles county has 335,270 acres assessed at \$4,297,125; her town lots are assessed at \$1,709,490; personal property assessed at \$2,645,835; total value of property assessed at \$8,652,450. Assessed values are 35.71 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$24,229,768.

St. Charles county's personal property consists mainly of—

7,415 horses, assessed at \$25.56 per head; total.....	\$189,575
2,686 mules, " 25.44 " " ..... .	68,335
9,923 neat cattle, " 12.09 " " ..... .	120,000
3,028 sheep, " 1.62 " " ..... .	4,925
25,848 hogs, " 2.56 " " ..... .	66,370
Money, notes and bonds.....	1,543,825
Schools in 1894.....	89
Teachers.....	97
Pupils.....	3,509
Amount spent on schools.....	\$39,021.60
Permanent school fund.....	21,203 75

### ST. CLAIR COUNTY.

Population, 18,058.

Western Central Missouri, near border—Traversed by M., K. & T., K. C., F. S. & M. and Osceola & Southern railroads; 90 miles southeast of Kansas City.

**SOIL**—Western part, rolling prairie; eastern part, mostly timber, some prairie; bottom lands are rich and fertile; the uplands have a subsoil of clay; one-half of county underlaid with a fine quality of bituminous coal mined extensively; lime and sandstone are found and used for building purposes; iron ore in abundance, but not worked.

**WATER**—Osage and Sac rivers, Big and Little Weaubleau, Bush, Coon, Little and Big Clear, Sim's creek and others flow through the county; the water supply is abundant the year around.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; plenty of material convenient to place them in first class condition; poll-tax, \$2 to \$3.

**TIMBER**—Abundance of the different varieties of oak; also walnut, hickory, ash and maple; ample supply for home use.

**FUEL**—Large supply of good coal, at \$2.50 per ton; wood, \$1.25 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Varies from \$10 to \$50 per acre, according to location; timber, from \$1.25 to \$15 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, equal to demand; condition, good; wages, from \$10 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, oats, hay, flax and fruits. Corn yields from 30 to 70 bushels; wheat, from 10 to 40 bushels; oats, 30 to 40 bushels per acre; no better county in the State for fruit-raising; “The Big Red Apple” is celebrated; large orchards are being planted each year. This is a superb stock county; for cattle, sheep and hogs it has no superior in America.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	5,130	Fish, pounds .....	432
Horses and mules, head .....	80	Poultry, pounds .....	39,928
Hogs, head .....	20,000	Butter, pounds.....	1,994
Sheep, head.....	360	Eggs, dozen .....	36,900
Wheat, bushels .....	14,400	Cheese, pounds.....	250
Corn, bushels .....	146,600	Lumber, feet.....	482,000
Oats, bushels.....	36,800	Cooperage, cars.....	2
Hay, bales.....	62,460	Cross ties .....	400
Flax, pounds.....	1,110,000	Building brick, cars .....	21
Flour, barrels.....	1,050	Coal, tons.....	1,380
Game, pounds .....	660		

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 18,058; unsurpassed educational advantages; there are 97 county school districts and six town districts well supplied with first-class teachers. Many good church buildings are scattered throughout the county. Pure water and an abundant supply with no swamps. The health of the county is very good. People are law-abiding. The honest newcomer is desired; first-class immigration is welcomed. Among a large number of thriving towns is Osceola, the county seat.

**OSCEOLA**—Population over 1200; situated on the right bank of the Osage river. It is beautifully laid out, high above the river, and is a very healthy place at all times of the year. It is on the Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield railroad. Good public schools, six churches, two flourishing banks, many handsome and well stocked stores. Streets and sidewalks in good condition, lighted by oil lamps. The popular fraternal orders have lodges. Fine lime works and gravel digging industries. A fine opening for flouring mills. Taxes—town, 5 cents; county, 45 cents; school, \$1, and State 25 cents. Besides railroad towns the “inland” towns of Roscoe and Iconium are pleasant places to settle in.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—St. Clair county has 423,464 acres assessed at \$2,303,505; her town lots are assessed at \$342,585; personal property assessed at \$1,018,138; total assessed value of property, \$3,664,228. Assessed values are 35.58 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$10,298,561.

St. Clair county's personal property consists mainly of—

11,386 horses, assessed at \$16.36 per head; total.....	\$186,359
2,364 mules, assessed at \$12.84 per head; total.....	30,374
17,190 neat cattle, assessed at \$10.48 per head; total .....	180,274
4,682 sheep, assessed at \$1.03 per head; total.....	4,864
27,445 hogs, assessed at \$2.01 per head; total.....	55,259
Money, notes and bonds.....	240,669
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	105
Number of teachers.....	116
Number of pupils.....	6,767
Amount spent for school.....	\$29,167.12
Permanent school fund.....	39,322.00

### ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY.

Population, 19,109.

Southeast; 60 miles south of St. Louis; traversed by St. Louis, I. M. & S. and M. R. & B. T. railroads.

**SOIL**—The mining properties are very extensive; more lead is shipped from St. Francois county than from any county in the State; shipment for 1894 amounted to over 38,000 tons; zinc is also found and mined. The bottom lands are rich black loam, and very productive. Black river and a number of creeks flow through the county and form a fine drainage system. The soil is good for general farming; grains, small fruits and vegetables yield abundantly. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped each season.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	3,165	Hides, pounds.....	8,240
Hogs, head .....	6,161	Wool, pounds .....	3,890
Sheep, head .....	2,250	Game, pounds.....	2,079
Wheat, bushels .....	1,200	Poultry, pounds .....	76,400
Hay, bales .....	2,700	Butter, pounds.....	10,588
Flour, barrels.....	127,899	Eggs, dozen .....	187,870
Bran, pounds.....	240,000	Lumber, feet .....	96,000
Horses and mules, head .....	160	Wood, cords.....	2,464
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	26	Granite, cars.....	1,626
Nursery stock, pounds.....	394	Lead, tons.....	88,400
Dressed meat, pounds .....	2,145	Zinc, tons.....	120
Cooperage, cars .....	4	Iron ore, tons .....	1,300
Seed, bushels.....	102	Tiff, tons.....	10

Through the county are to be found a number of thriving towns, among them Farmington, the county seat.

FARMINGTON is situated a little way from the railroad, in the midst of a rolling country, conveniently reached by hacks which meet all incoming and outgoing trains. Farmington has more than doubled its population in the past ten years. It is a wide-awake town of over 1300 population ; well graded streets, lighted by electricity, good hotels, stores well stocked with goods, and many churches, schools, newspapers, and a most hospitable and cultured society. The people welcome first class immigration, and for push and capital no county offers more advantages than does St. Francois county.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—St. Francois county has 280,557 acres assessed at \$1,582,960 ; her town lots are assessed at \$316,575 ; personal property assessed at \$707,595 ; total assessed value of property, \$2,607,-130. Assessed values are 34.49 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$7,559,089.

St. Francois county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,436 horses, assessed at \$20 20 per head ; total.....	\$69,425
1,413 mules, assessed at \$22.42 per head ; total.....	31,680
7,780 neat cattle, assessed at \$8 65 per head ; total.....	67,350
2,789 sheep, assessed at \$1.16 per head ; total.....	3,255
8,239 hogs, assessed at \$1.57 per head ; total.....	12,965
Money, notes and bonds .....	337,790
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	61
Number of teachers.....	89
Number of pupils.....	4,425
Amount spent for school.....	\$27,180.86
Permanent school fund.....	15,404.84

**STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY.**

Population, 9883.

On the western bank of the Mississippi river, some 50 miles below St. Louis. The Chester, St. Mary's & Perryville railroad traverses the southeastern part of the county.

**SOIL**—Hilly timber land, with extensive tracts of bottom land along the Mississippi river, and the inland water courses. The former consists of sandy clay, well adapted for wheat growing, the latter alluvial, adapted to corn, garden truck and fruit-growing. Large deposits of brick and potters' clay, white sand, yellow and red sandstone, marble, amorphous and crystalized limestone. Of metals there are found copper, lead, iron and zinc.

**WATER**—The river Aux Vasse, the Isle and Bois, Saline an Establishment creeks, all tributaries of the Mississippi, and the latter itself, which borders the county on the east for some 30 miles, afford an ample water supply. Springs, wells and cisterns, furnish pure, clear drinking water.

**ROADS**—A main gravel road leads from Ste. Genevieve to Farmington; the balance are plain country roads, kept in fair condition at very little cost; road tax being only 5 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—The numerous ridges are covered with an abundant growth of pine, oak, hickory, walnut and pecan. Lumber and wagon timber are shipped.

**FUEL**—As coal is not found in the county, wood is almost exclusively used, price, \$2.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Costs from \$10 to \$30 an acre. Pasture land, \$10 to \$15 an acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply up to demand, wages, from \$10 to \$20 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat, the main commodity, matures in nine months, and yields from 20 to 45 bushels to an acre. Corn yields from 30 to 60 bushels and is fed to the stock. Other crops are hay, one to three tons to an acre; clover and fruit. St. Louis market is only 50 miles distant by water; steamboats running daily.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—The following tables shows the surplus product shipped out of Ste. Genevieve county in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	198	Vegetables, pounds .. . . . .	8,695
Horses, head .....	9	Fish, pounds.....	7,371
Hogs, head .....	564	Tallow, pounds.....	6,649
Sheep, head .....	428	Poultry, pounds .. . . . .	7,440
Wheat, bushels .....	14,682	Butter, pounds.....	2,800
Corn, bushels.....	82	Eggs, dozen.....	88,070
Bran, pounds.....	493,925	Lumber, feet.....	100,000
Flour, barrels.....	7,458	Lime, barrels .. . . . .	2,266
Potatoes, bushels.....	502	Wool, pounds .. . . . .	7,100
Onions, bushels.....	1,946	Hides, pounds .. . . . .	35,200
Seed, bushels.....	1,262	Nuts, bushels.....	303

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—One-half of the 9883 people living in Ste. Genevieve county are Germans, the other half is evenly made up of French, Creoles and Americans. The Catholic faith predominates. Of the ten churches in the county, five are Catholic, two Lutheran, one each of the Methodist, Baptist and Christian ; besides there are 55 public schools and seven parochial schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The low prices and undeveloped riches of the soil, the rich deposits of metals and minerals, afford a good many opportunities for enterprising new-comers. Fruit-growers and vegetable raisers will find the advantages of this county equalled nowhere in the State. Ste. Genevieve county is the oldest county in the State. There are mining resources awaiting capital for its development. The soil is very productive ; water is found of good quality and in quantity ; growth of all kinds of timber. The people are hospitable, God-fearing and industrious. There are hardly any criminals in the county, as the county jail is often without an occupant for a year at a time.

**STE. GENEVIEVE**, the county seat, is situated on the bank of the Mississippi river ; it has some 2200 inhabitants and is the oldest settlement in the State ; its streets are broad and clean. The town does a flourishing business ; in addition to a bank and some twelve stores, there are two flour mills, three lime kilns, one broom and one tobacco factory, one brewery and one creamery. There is a good opening for a canning factory, a pottery and glass factory. Of fraternal organizations the K. of P., C. K. of A., St. V. de Paul, are represented. Of churches the Catholic, Lutheran and Baptist, two public schools (one for colored children), one Catholic and one Lutheran parochial school.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Ste. Genevieve county has 304,018 acres assessed at \$1,123,602; her town lots are assessed at \$287,720; personal property assessed at \$638,458; total assessed value of property, \$2,049,780. Assessed values are 47.55 per cent. of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$4,310,788.

Ste. Genevieve county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,232 horses, assessed at \$24.21 per head ; total.....	\$78,262
925 mules, assessed at \$22.60 per head ; total.....	20,910
5,635 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.93 per head ; total.....	50,323
2,971 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head ; total.....	2,971
10,093 hogs, assessed at \$1.36 per head ; total.....	13,790
Money, notes and bonds.....	362,237
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	55
Number of teachers .....	59
Number of pupils.....	2,575
Amount spent on schools in 1894.....	\$13,647.75
Permanent school fund.....	6,131.42

#### ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

Population, 38,516.

Central Eastern Missouri, adjoining the city of St. Louis; it is traversed by the seven railroads entering St. Louis from the northwest and south.

**SOIL**—Undulating, very fertile; especially adapted to raising small fruits and vegetables; large quantities of stone are quarried; superior fire-clay of unusual quality; coal is also found.

**WATER**—Cisterns, bored wells and springs; St. Louis county is surrounded by the Mississippi, Missouri and Meramec rivers; having also several creeks flowing through it.

**ROADS**—Well supplied, having five macadamized roads running parallel to each other through the county and which are intersected at convenient points by other good roads; some macadamized and others dirt; tax, 10 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Principally oak and hickory; used for domestic purposes only; many different kinds of timber to be found but no longer in quantity; its noble forests have been sacrificed to the demand made for cultivated land and its products, by reason of its close proximity to so large a market as that of the city of St. Louis.

**FUEL**—Coal and wood; hard coal, \$6.75; soft coal from \$2.50 to \$3 per ton; wood from \$2.50 to \$4 per cord.

**LAND**—Farm land, from \$50 to \$300 per acre; timber, 0 to \$50.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply is not equal to the demand; wages, \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Garden truck and small fruits which give quick returns owing to climate and proximity to so fine a market as Missouri's metropolis. Rare breeds of cattle, hogs and sheep are raised. There are several large stock farms where fine horses are bred. Luxuriant fields of corn along the river bottoms yielding in some cases as high as 100 bushels to the acre. Fine melons are also raised in these sandy river valleys. Wheat, oats and clover yield fine returns.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—In addition to home consumption and shipments to St. Louis by market wagons, the following produce was shipped by rail in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	9,057	Eggs, dozen .....	82,320
Hogs, head.....	7,725	Dressed meat, pounds.....	23,412
Sheep, head.....	2,296	Lumber, feet.....	189,000
Horses and mules, head.....	2,297	Logs, feet .....	25,000
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	15	Clay, cars.....	2,161
Wheat, bushels.....	245,581	Building brick, cars.....	688
Corn, bushels .....	33,570	Fire brick, cars .....	1,307
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	6,840	Sewer pipe, cars.....	1,044
Flour, barrels.....	4,067	Sand, cars.....	485
Potatoes, bushels.....	2,973	Gravel, cars.....	492
Milk, gallons .....	5,212	White lead, cars.....	480
Game, pounds .....	80,045	Terra cotta, cars.....	76
Fish, pounds .....	2,465	Lime, barrels .....	91,802
Poultry, pounds .....	212,770	Wool, pounds .....	2,885
Butter, pounds.....	16,743	Stone, cars.....	746

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 38,516. Inhabitants, native Missourians, Virginians and Kentuckians, and a large number of well to do energetic Germans. Well supplied with churches of all denominations and district schools, besides several well known private schools and large Roman Catholic and Lutheran Institutions. Fraternal orders of A. O. U. W., Masonic, etc. Several flourishing newspapers; the people are refined, cultivated and energetic, and nowhere in the State can homes寻求者 find such excellent advantages as in this county, surrounding as it does the great City of St. Louis.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy climate; unusual railroad facilities, its grand water ways, beautiful Creve Coeur lake, Windsor Springs, whose health giving waters are known throughout the country. The finest pleasure resort in the Mississippi valley, the Meremac Highlands Inn; numerous small towns composed of cultured, refined peo-

ple; four electric roads; beautiful country homes; numerous industries interspersed throughout the county. Flour mills, (the one at Manchester having more than a local reputation), saw mills, aluminum factory, carriage and fence factories, etc.; all of which make St. Louis county an ideal place for homeseekers whether rich or poor.

**CLAYTON**—Is the **county seat**, population, 600; situated on the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado railroad; also connected with St. Louis by an electric road. Well supplied with water from cisterns; as yet lighted by coal oil; macadamized streets; well kept plank walks. Taxes—county, 50 cents; school, 30 cents; State, 25 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—The energetic county seat has several fine churches and schools, many comfortable homes, one flourishing State bank, capital \$50,000, deposits \$470,000. Fraternal societies of A. O. U. W. The beautiful "county club house" surrounded by a fine park. Within a radius of ten miles are numerous small towns such as Kirkwood, Ferguson, Florissant, Webster, Manchester and other suburbs of St. Louis which combine the advantages of city and county. There is a fine business opening for every industry owing to proximity to St. Louis market, an unusual opportunity for dairy business.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—St. Louis county has 296,231 acres assessed at \$17,998,110; her town lots are \$4,175,320; personal property, \$4,218,270; total assessed value of property, \$26,391,700. Assessed values are 34.51 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$76,475,514.

St. Louis county's personal property consists mainly of— .

8,661 horses, assessed at \$27.82 per head; total .....	\$210,955
4,348 mules, assessed at \$28 23 per head; total .....	122,770
10,181 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.50 per head; total .....	137,505
2,069 sheep, assessed at \$1.45 per head; total.....	3,020
19,932 hogs, assessed at \$2 64 per head; total .....	52,635
Money, notes and bonds .....	2,480,000
Schools in 1894.....	112
Teachers.....	158
Pupils.....	7,008
Amount spent on schools.....	\$104,890.15
Permanent school fund.....	38,914.68

**SALINE COUNTY.**

Population, 35,687.

Borders the Missouri river; 70 miles east of Kansas City. Two branch lines of the Mo. Pacific and the main line of the C. & A. traverse the county.

**SOIL**—Undulating prairie in the larger northern portion; rolling timber land in the smaller southern portion along the LaMine river. The prairie of brown (so-called 'mulatto'), and black peaty soil, very productive. The greater portion of the county is underlaid with coal fields, which are not yet developed. Lead is also found, and it is only a question of time when lead mines will be worked in Saline county.

**WATER**—The county is supplied with an unusual number of living wells, cisterns and springs for domestic purposes. In addition, many mineral springs are found, as for instance, at Sweet Springs, McAllister, Blue Lick Springs, Elk Lick and others. Blue Lick and Elk Lick Springs have more than a local reputation. The Blackwater river, a branch of the LaMine river, runs through the southern portion of the county; Salt Fork, a branch of the Blackwater, has its source in the great Salt Springs in the western central portion of the county, and flows eastward, passing into the Blackwater near the eastern line of the county. In addition to above, there are numerous smaller water courses.

**ROADS**—Are in a fair condition; road tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Used for fuel principally; some oak and black walnut are marketed. In the river bottoms some cottonwood is found.

**FUEL**—Coal, at \$1.50 a ton; wood, at \$2.50 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—First-class farm land costs from \$50 to \$60 an acre; second-class land costs from \$30 to \$40, and pasture and timber land, from \$5 to \$20 an acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient; wages range from \$12 to \$20 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn heads the list of the many commodities raised in Saline county; the average yield per acre, is 60 bushels; total crop in 1895 is conservatively estimated at 5,000,000 bushels; less than 10 per cent of this is marketed. Wheat averages 15 bushels to an acre; over 1,300,000 bushels are annually raised; one half of which is shipped as grain, the other half, in shape of flour. Oats, grown

considerably, but almost wholly fed to stock. Apples are profitably grown in Saline county; several hundred car loads are annually marketed of this fruit, besides dried fruit, cider and vinegar. As a stock-raising county, Saline ranks among the four banner counties of the State. Eggs and poultry and garden truck are profitably raised, and large quantities marketed. No part of the county is more than 12 miles from a railroad station, and those portions are situated on the river.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	43,717	Small fruits, crates and baskets .	6,516
Horses and mules, head.....	3,245	Nursery stock, pounds.....	6,220
Hogs, head.....	120,908	Vegetables, pounds .....	110,420
Sheep, head .....	9,002	Dried fruit, pounds.....	4,260
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	8	Game, pounds .....	8,055
Wheat, bushels.....	610,160	Poultry, pounds .....	389,993
Corn, bushels .....	478,210	Butter, pounds .....	35,685
Oats, bushels.....	5,600	Eggs, dozen.....	606,930
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	510,000	Lumber, feet.....	153,000
Bran, pounds.....	3,780,000	Walnut logs, feet.....	40,000
Hay, bales. ....	7,560	Coal, tons.....	20
Flour, barrels.....	100,650	Lime, barrels .....	1,000
Potatoes, bushels .....	503	Wool, pounds .....	171,825
Apples, bushels.....	22,266	Hides, pounds.....	242,730
Seed, bushels.....	2,815		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—The 36,000 inhabitants are largely composed of American born citizens, intermixed with fifteen per cent of German and five per cent of Irish. Numerous churches and some one hundred solid and comfortable school houses, the pride of Saline county speak more than words would for the moral character of its inhabitants. Of fraternal societies there is scarcely one that is not represented in its numerous villages and towns.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Land is of the very best quality, great yields in crops and no failures. Climate moderate; people moral, industrious and hospitable. Saline offers many inducements to one who is looking for a place that will give him a good return for his labors. The people in the county are all located near postoffices, good schools and churches. Fine roads renders traveling in the county rather a pleasure.

**MARSHALL**, the county seat, on the Missouri Pacific and C. & A. railroads, with 5000 inhabitants, is an industrious business town,

lively and progressive. It has water works and clean wide streets, some seventy-five stores of all descriptions, two flour mills, four banks, ten churches, four school houses. It is lighted by gas and electricity. Of fraternal organizations there are noted the Masons, K. of P., I. O. O. F., Maccabees, A. O. U. W., Royal Tribe of Joseph and others. Of other towns there is to be mentioned Slater, with 3000 inhabitants, a prosperous railroad town on the C. & A., and Sweet Springs, 1600 inhabitants, on the Lexington branch of the Missouri Pacific.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Saline county has 419,572 acres assessed at \$5,896,594; her town lots are assessed at \$2,475,495; personal property assessed at \$3,255,315; total value of property assessed at \$11,627,404. Assessed values are 35.30 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$32,938,821.

Saline county's personal property consists mainly of—

11,655 horses, assessed at \$23.45 per head; total.....	\$273,425
5,883 mules, assessed at \$24.64 per head; total... ..	144,965
29,949 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.26 per head; total.....	427,085
4,961 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total..... ..	5,540
38,140 hogs, assessed at \$2.86 per head; total..... ..	109,225
Money, notes and bonds..... ..	1,295,338
Number of schools operated in 1894 .....	84
Number of teachers in 1894 .....	198
Number of pupils in 1894. .... ..	9,180
Amount expended for schools in 1894..... ..	\$70,338.50
Permanent school fund. .... ..	134,502.16

## SCHUYLER COUNTY.

Population, 11,638.

Northeast Missouri; traversed by Wabash and Keokuk & Western railroads; 120 miles from Jefferson City; about 180 miles northwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Eastern and western parts mostly rolling prairie and timber land; in the central part level; uplands and bottoms adapted to the raising of cereals and grasses; as soon as land is cleaned, grasses, and especially blue grass, yield abundantly. Coal is found and mined; clays for brick, pottery and fire-brick are found.

**WATER**—Chariton river bounds the west border. The county is well drained and abundantly supplied with water from Fabius and Salt rivers, Elm and Fort creeks.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair condition; poll-tax, four days' work.

**TIMBER**—Abundance of timber, used for bridges, ties, posts and barrel hoops; considerable tie-hoops and fire-board shipped each year.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal ; wood, \$1.50 per cord ; coal, \$1.80 per ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Farming, \$15 to \$10 ; timber, \$10 to \$20 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Ample supply ; condition, fair ; wages, \$13 to \$18 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—All grains yield well ; small fruits and vegetables are grown in profusion ; not many dairy cattle ; considerable beef cattle are raised ; one of the best sheep counties in the State ; over 12,000 shipped in 1894 ; large numbers of hogs are raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	6,291	Poultry, pounds .....	880,970
Horses and mules, head.....	1,280	Hay, bales.....	1,800
Hogs and sheep, head .....	21,407	Tobacco, pounds .....	210,000
Sheep, head.....	12,150	Cheese, pounds.....	4,200
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	7	Apples, barrels .....	655
Wheat, bushels .....	4,200	Nuts, bushels .....	840
Corn, bushels.....	2,600	Molasses, gallons.....	6,620
Oats, bushels.....	36,200	Lumber, feet .....	405,000
Mixed grain, bushels.....	2,100	Ties.....	8,000
Butter, pounds.....	104,040	Wool, pounds .....	118,920
Eggs, dozen .....	311,840		

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 11,638. Every district has its church and school ; numbers of first class newspapers ; inhabitants refined and intelligent ; hospitality a prevailing characteristic among the population. Healthy climate ; rich soil ; cheap land ; abundance of water ; fine grazing country ; considerable tobacco grown and shipped. For general farming and stock raising there is no better county in the State. There are a number of thriving towns, among them Lancaster, the county seat.

**LANCASTER**—Population, 1200. Situated on Keokuk & Western railroad ; water supplied from wells and cisterns ; good graded dirt roads ; sidewalks of concrete, wood and brick ; lighted by oil lamps. A number of stores, representing all branches of trade and stocked with a great variety of goods. The wealth of the county is shown in the three flourishing banks, aggregate capital, \$73,000 ; deposits, \$182,000 ; beautiful churches ; a fine public school, and lodges of different organizations ; a fine business opening for brick works and furniture factory.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Schuyler county has 194,569 acres assessed at \$1,368,296. Her town lots are assessed at \$245,492. Personal prop-

erty assessed at \$862,581. Total assessed value of property at \$2,476,369. Assessed values are 30.57 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,100,650.

Schuylerville county's personal property consists mainly of—

8,146 horses, assessed at \$18.99 per head; total .....	\$154,762
655 mules, assessed at \$24.53 per head; total .....	16,069
13,663 neat cattle, assessed at \$11.59 per head; total.....	158,485
27,521 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total.....	27,521
20,070 hogs, assessed at \$1.63 per head; total.....	32,816
Money, notes and bonds.....	268,504
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	62
Number of teachers.....	76
Number of pupils.....	2,846
Amount spent for schools.....	\$19,104 23
Permanent school fund.....	41,702.44

## SCOTLAND COUNTY.

Population, 12,757.

Northeast Missouri, on State line—Traversed by the Keokuk & Western and Santa Fe railroads; 170 miles northwest of St. Louis.

SOIL—Undulating prairie, with timber along the streams. Generally the soil is of a rich, black alluvial loam and very productive; clays for brick, tiling and fire-brick, sand and limestone are found; fine pasturing, making this county one of the finest stock regions in the State.

WATER—Living wells and cisterns of good quality; three branches of Fabius, two branches of Wyaconda and Fox rivers flow through the county; the water supply is abundant and first class in quality.

ROADS—Good dirt roads; poll-tax, three days' work.

TIMBER—Oak, hickory, walnut, ash and elm; large shipments of logs and ties made each year.

FUEL—Wood, \$2 per cord; coal, \$2.25 per ton.

COST OF LAND—Farm land, \$20 to \$45 per acre; timber land, \$15 to \$25 per acre.

FARM LABOR—Supply, moderate; condition, good; wages, \$16 to \$20 per month.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—Corn, oats and hay; time of growth of corn, April to September; yield per acre—corn, 35; oats, 40 bushels; hay, 2 tons per acre; average selling price last year—corn, 17 cents; oats, 13 cents per bushel; hay, \$5 per ton. The blue-grass pastures of county equal the famous ones of Kentucky; small fruit and vegetables

yield abundantly; all the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised successfully and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	6,733	Game, pounds.....	445
Horses and mules, head .....	1,640	Butter, pounds.....	47,392
Hogs, head .....	20,646	Eggs, dozen .....	38,570
Sheep, head .....	8,060	Poultry, pounds .....	947,192
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	7	Feathers, pounds.....	12,000
Wheat, bushels .....	3,000	Wool, pounds .....	24,000
Corn, bushels .....	18,650	Hides, pounds.....	62,710
Oats, bushels .....	60,800	Pickles, cars.....	5
Mixed grain, bushels.....	2,800	Lumber, feet.....	252,000
Flour, barrels.....	44	Ties.....	4,600
Hay, bales.....	2,160	Logs, feet.....	20,000
Seed, bushels .....	700	Building brick, cars .....	16

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 12,757. Over 70 public schools, and 54 churches; progressive newspapers; a well known normal college; productive and cheap land; unexcelled railroad facilities; prosperous and happy people; no "booms," but a steady growth in every respect. Most desirable county in the State for homeseekers, and facilities of a high order can be had by those wishing to engage in manufacturing enterprises. The thriving town of Memphis is the county seat.

**MEMPHIS**—Located on the Keokuk and Western railroad. It is a flourishing town of 2500 inhabitants, located on high rolling land; it is very healthy; it has a fine graded school, a college, eight churches, four hotels, two opera houses, court house, seven factories, three mills, one foundry, two lumber yards, fair grounds, electric light plant, water works, marble shop, five livery stables, about 80 business houses and 500 dwellings, four newspapers and one job printing office, two banks. Memphis is growing steadily; it is a delightful and profitable city in which to locate.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Scotland county has 278,145 acres assessed at \$1,950,360; her town lots are assessed at \$316,480; personal property assessed at \$1,173,760; total assessed value of property, \$3,440,600. Assessed values are 29.28 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$11,750,683.

Scotland county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,550 horses, assessed at \$18.40 per head ; total.....	\$194,165
1,182 mules, assessed at \$18.51 per head ; total.....	21,875
14,384 neat cattle, assessed at \$12.94 per head ; total.....	186,160
5,819 sheep, assessed at 1.19 cents per head ; total.....	6,950
11,999 hogs, assessed at \$2.70 per head ; total.....	32,400
Money, notes and bonds.....	469,860
Schools in 1894.....	75
Teachers.....	105
Pupils.....	3,087
Amount spent on schools.....	\$25,431.60
Permanent school fund.....	39,958 35

### SCOTT COUNTY.

Population, 12,548.

In Southeast Missouri; bordering on the Mississippi; about 100 miles south of St. Louis. The St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas (Cotton Belt) traverse the county in all directions.

**SOIL**—North half of county is undulating prairie; south half is level, alluvial sandy soil very fertile and productive. The prairie is underlaid with blue and yellow clay, and strata of limestone utilized for building purposes.

**WATER**—Though without a main water course, Scott county has an abundance of water drawn from wells, springs and cisterns. Extended system of lakes in southeast portion full of fish are a source of wealth to the county.

**ROADS**—Are in good condition and road tax is as low as 5 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Walnut and oak are found in northern portion; gum cypress and poplar on the low lands in the south half of the county.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$2 a cord; coal, \$3 a ton.

**COST OF LAND**—Good land costs from \$10 to \$40; very best land cultivated for watermelon demands as much as \$60 per acre; inferior lands and timber and pastures cost from \$5 to \$15 an acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Averages \$15 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Wheat is grown in northern portion very profitably; yields from 20 to 40 bushels an acre. The average crop in 1895 was 900,000 bushels, valued at \$500,000. Corn and oats rank next; corn yields as much as 75 bushels to an acre; oats from 35 to

40. All these cereals are shipped by river. The low freight rates leave a good profit to growers.. Watermelons and canteloupes have lately been grown with large profits. The sandy soil in southeastern portion has proven to be the natural soil for these products ; hundreds of cars of melons are annually shipped to St. Louis, Chicago and other sections of the country.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	1,472	Vegetables, pounds .....	6,018
Hogs, head .....	3,190	Canteloupes, cars .....	64
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	18	Watermelons, cars.....	911
Wheat, bushels .....	247,725	Dried fruit, pounds .....	1,963
Corn and oats, bushels.....	389,553	Tallow, pounds .....	2,395
Mixed grain, bushels.....	4,200	Poultry, pounds .....	22,139
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	5,250,000	Butter, pounds.....	1,762
Corn meal, pounds .....	570,000	Eggs, dozen .....	14,210
Bran, pounds .....	388,900	Feathers, pounds.....	817
Hay, bales .....	4,080	Lumber, feet .....	2,205,000
Flour, barrels.....	70,886	Cooperage, cars.....	34
Potatoes, bushels.....	606	Clay, cars.....	2
Seed, bushels .. ....	982	Lime, barrels .. ....	175

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Fully 25 per cent of the 12,548 inhabitants are Germans. The American settlers are from Tennessee and Kentucky stock ; they are industrious, clever, solid and enterprising; newcomers are welcome. Of churches there are represented the Methodist, Baptist, Catholic and Lutheran ; good schools are scattered all over the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—A good healthful climate; land cheap prices and productive soil are the inducements for sober, industrious workers to open for themselves the road to wealth and prosperity. There is an opening for a flour mill, a stave and box factory. Farmers will also find rare opportunities in the agricultural pursuit, such as good market facilities, productiveness of soil, unfailing crops and large yields.

**BENTON**—The county seat, with 450 inhabitants, is situated on the Morely and Commerce branch of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad. Other towns are Sikestown, with 750 inhabitants, and Morley, with 500 inhabitants. The latter town is in the center of the watermelon district. Commerce on the banks of the Mississippi has two flour mills, a bank and several stores ; it is the shipping port of the county.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Scott county has 260,911 acres assessed at \$1,561,310; her town lots are assessed at \$311,810; personal property assessed at \$982,764; total assessed value of property, \$2,855,884. Assessed values are 43.18 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$6,613,904.

Scott county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,603 horses, assessed at \$28.02 per head; total.....	\$100,987
3,120 mules      "      33.73      "      "      .....	105,253
8,365 neat cattle, "      6.84      "      "      .....	57,274
1,394 sheep,      "      1.05      "      "      .....	1,472
24,436 hogs,      "      1.34      "      "      .....	32,774
Money, notes and bonds.....	402,549
Schools in 1894.....	41
Teachers .....	54
Pupils .....	3,213
Amount spent for schools.....	\$19,347.54
Permanent school fund.....	10,354.39

## SHANNON COUNTY.

Population, 11,356.

South Central Missouri; Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad traverses the county; 130 miles south of St. Louis; 110 miles from Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Principally hilly, except river bottoms. The soil is sandy, of a red clay and loam, and is very productive; especially good for fruit raising. Abundance of fine quality of fire-clay; lime and sand-stone quarried for home use. Copper, iron and lead are found, but not mined in late years.

**WATER**—Cisterns and wells; Current river, Jacks Fork and Mineral creek flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order the year around; tax, 5 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Principally pine and oak, which is found in abundance and extensively milled. For years past millions of feet of lumber have been shipped each season.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Good farming land, from \$10 and upwards; timber land, \$1 to \$5, according to location for manufacturing purposes.

**FAIR LABOR**—Ample supply; condition, fair; wages, \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn; time of growth, two to three weeks earlier than in north and central part of State; yield per acre, 20 bushels; little shipped; most of crop fed to stock. Small fruits and vegetables grown to advantage. Some few Jerseys and Short Horns raised; over 2000 head of beef cattle shipped in 1895. Excellent range for hog raising, but few shipped owing to lack of railroad facilities.

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 11,356; a number of churches and public schools are scattered throughout the county; the people are hospitable, prosperous and well to do; healthy climate, mild winters; land is cheap, selling for \$1.50 up to \$20, owing to improvements; rich and productive soil, with little work land produces in abundance. There is an inexhaustible supply of lumber and with better railroad facilities would become one of the largest lumber producing counties in the State. Among a number of growing towns is Eminence, the county seat.

**EMINENCE**—With a population of over 100, is situated on the Current river. Water supply from wells and cisterns; streets and sidewalks in fair order; one union church and public school. A fine opening for the establishment of a canning factory. Lodges of I. O. O. F. General stores well stocked with goods. Citizens feel kindly toward new comers and extend a hearty welcome to homeseekers.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Shannon county has 580,741 acres assessed at \$1,348,880; her town lots are assessed at \$59,265; personal property assessed at \$348,366; total assessed value of property, \$1,756,511. Assessed values are 60.60 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$2,898,533.

Shannon county's personal property consists mainly of—

2,227 horses, assessed at \$27.48 per head; total.....	\$61,200
897 mules, assessed at \$32.99 per head; total.....	29,599
6,876 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.45 per head; total.....	51,260
2,392 sheep, assessed at \$1.04 per head; total.....	2,494
10,577 hogs, assessed at \$1.11 per head; total.....	11,826
Money, notes and bonds.....	31,572
Schools in 1894.....	50
Teachers .....	52
Pupils.....	2,256
Amount spent on schools.....	\$14,041.18
Permanent school fund.....	2,423.21

## SHELBY COUNTY.

Population, 16,446.

**Northeast Missouri**; traversed by Hannibal & St. Joe railroad; 85 miles from Jefferson City; 110 miles northwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—About two-thirds of the county gently undulating prairie; balance well timbered along the water courses; soil particularly adapted for raising corn and grasses; one of the finest stock ranges in the State; most of the soil is a rich, black loam, about eight inches deep; pottery and brick clay, lime and sandstone are found; some indications of coal, but not mined.

**WATER**—Fabius, North and Salt rivers, Crook and Black creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Good dirt roads in dry season; could be better worked during wet spells.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory, walnut and maple; ties are made and shipped each year.

**FUEL**—Wood, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Unimproved, \$5 to \$25; timber land, \$5 to \$20 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Moderate supply; condition, fair; wages, from \$15 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, four and one-half months; yield per acre, 40 bushels; selling price last year, 20 cents per bushel; average selling price for five years past, 45 cents per bushel; oats, 40 bushels; wheat, 13 bushels per acre. Small fruits and vegetables yield abundantly. This is a good stock county; all the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped in large numbers each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	10,395	Poultry, pounds .....	821,968
Horses and mules, head .....	2,095	Wool, pounds .....	24,540
Hogs, head .....	47,711	Feathers, pounds.....	1,010
Sheep, head .....	12,875	Lumber, feet.....	216,000
Mixed live-stock, cars ..	4	Oats, bushels.....	33,600
Wheat, bushels .....	600	Hay, bales.....	23,940
Butter, pounds.....	19,998	Seed, bushels.....	2,629
Eggs, dozen .....	343,140	Flour, barrels.....	625

Dressed meat, pounds .....	3,225	Cooperage, cars .....	21
Hides, pounds .....	47,116	Piling, feet .....	255,000
Dried fruit, pounds.....	14	Fire clay, cars .....	3
Ties, pounds .....	40,200	Coal, tons.....	40
Junk, pounds .....	151,750		

**GENERAL AND SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,446; over 50 churches of different denominations, and 81 district schools are scattered about the county; there are a number of good newspapers; the people comprise a law abiding class of intelligent citizens; the general climate and health the year round are good; land is cheap and very productive; general farming and stock-raising always succeed. No county in the State has more advantages to offer and a warmer welcome to extend the new comer than Shelby county; among a number of wideawake towns is Shelbyville, the **county seat**.

**SHELBYVILLE**—Most beautifully situated on Jake creek, from which its supply of water is obtained. Well-graded streets and sidewalks in good condition. The different branches of trade are represented by well-stocked stores. Churches and schools, beautiful homes and good society are a few of the many attractions offered home-seekers to settle and become identified with this progressive town.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Shelby county has 316,925 acres assessed at \$2,567,118; her town lots are assessed at \$479,025; personal property assessed at \$1,880,417; total assessed value of property, \$4,926,560. Assessed values are 34.38 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$14,329,726.

Shelby county's personal property consists mainly of—

10,574 horses, assessed at \$21.90 per head ; total.....	\$232,079
2,558 mules, assessed at \$20.29 per head ; total.....	51,910
14,008 neat cattle, assessed at \$12.03 per head ; total .....	169,305
7,810 sheep, assessed at \$1.31 per head ; total .....	10,260
15,204 hogs, assessed at \$2.42 per head ; total.....	36,933
Money, notes and bonds.....	1,033,786
Schools in 1894.....	81
Teachers .....	128
Pupils.....	4,474
Amount spent on schools.....	\$48,964.59
Permanent school fund.....	46,862.31

**STODDARD COUNTY.**

Population, 19,275.

Southeast Missouri; 120 miles south of St. Louis; traversed by the Delta branch of the St. Louis Southwestern, the Cairo branch of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, the St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith and the Missouri Southeastern railroads.

**SOIL**—Eastern portion, level; central part, high and rolling; the soil in the northern, eastern and southern portions is a black, sandy loam; the uplands are clay; the sandy lands and river bottoms are very productive; the uplands which have been very well cared for are almost as productive as the level lands, but are not so easily cultivated and require more attention. Some kaolin for chinaware and excellent brick clay found in abundance, especially at Bloomfield, where brick are manufactured and shipped; some lime and sandstone quarried for home use; iron in northern part, but not developed.

**WATER**—Abundantly supplied with excellent drinking water, easily obtained. In the northern, eastern and southern portions water is obtained by means of pumps; many springs of pure, soft water are found in the higher central part; the St. Francois river to the west and Castor and Little rivers on the east makes the drainage system perfect.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good order.

**TIMBER**—Oak, gum, cypress; large shipments made each year.

**FUEL**—Principally wood, \$2 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$10 to \$50; timber land, \$3 to \$6 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Farm labor is easily obtained at a cost of \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth, April to October; yield per acre, 25 bushels; selling price last year, 20 cents; average for five years past, 25 cents per bushel. Wheat, yields 10 bushels, oats, 35 bushels; cotton, 1000 pounds per acre. Dairy and beef cattle, sheep and hogs are raised for home consumption mainly, although small shipments are made each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	270	Eggs, dozen .....	74,070
Horses, head .....	2,528	Feathers, pounds.....	50
Hogs, head .....	1,600	Vegetables, pounds .....	13,100
Wheat, bushels .....	6,600	Melons, cars.....	28
Corn, bushels.....	43,036	Cotton, bales .....	480
Oats, bushels.....	67	Cotton seed, pounds .....	780,000
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	746,320	Lumber, feet .....	13,554,000
Hay, bales .....	629	Junk, pounds..	30,000
Flour, barrels .....	27,578	Cross ties .....	13,000
Tobacco, pounds.....	926	Cooperage, cars .....	16
Beeswax, pounds .....	100	Building brick, cars .....	29
Game, pounds.....	2,572	Furs, pounds.....	1,743
Poultry, pounds.....	56,699	Hides, pounds.....	3,702

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 19,275. Almost every community has two or three churches, schools, newspapers and popular lodges of fraternal organizations. Healthy climate, productive soil, excellent schools, cheap lands, fine timber supply, abundance of pure water, beautiful streams and forests stocked with game and fish. Unimproved lands bought on easy terms; people progressive, honest and intelligent, and invite first-class immigration. Bloomfield is the county seat.

**BLOOMFIELD**—Population, 900; beautifully situated on the Missouri & Southeastern railroad; supplied with water from wells and cisterns ; graded streets ; good sidewalks ; lighted by oil lamps ; numbers of well stocked stores, churches, schools, flour mill, a flourishing bank, and a fine business opening for cooperage, heading and wood works.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Stoddard county has 486,517 acres assessed at \$1,725,597 ; her town lots are assessed at \$253,937 ; personal property assessed at \$723,136 ; total assessed value of property, \$2,702,670. Assessed values are 57.79 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$4,676,708.

Stoddard county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,396 horses, assessed at \$25.21 per head ; total.....	\$161,277
2,629 mules, assessed at \$26.91 per head ; total.....	70,789
10,961 neat cattle, assessed at \$6.80 per head ; total. ....	74,620
4,032 sheep, assessed at \$1.04 per head ; total.....	4,215
37,529 hogs, assessed at \$1.01 per head ; total.....	38,037
Money, notes and bonds .....	157,976
Schools in 1894 .....	81
Teachers .....	92
Pupils.....	6,168
Amount spent on schools.....	\$30,519.46
Permanent school fund.....	11,801.50

## STONE COUNTY.

Population, 8423.

**Southwest Missouri;** bordering the Arkansas State line; about 168 miles southeast of Kansas City and about 216 miles southwest of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Northwestern portion of county is level and has a rich bottom loam; balance of county rolling and heavily timbered; soil a brown loam, very fertile and productive; large deposits of brick clay are untouched; layers of marble, onyx, cotton rock and blue limestone underlie the picturesque hills and ridges, but no attempt has been made to develop and utilize them. Of minerals there are traces of iron, lead, zinc and copper.

**ROADS**—Not improved; no road taxes.

**WATER**—Fresh, cool springs are found everywhere. The White river and its tributaries and the James river wind in picturesque zig-zags among the hills and ridges of the county.

**TIMBER**—Great quantity; all varieties of oak, walnut and hickory are found; but very little lumber has been marketed, owing to limited transportation facilities.

**FUEL**—Wood exclusively; at a cost of about 75 cents a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Cleared land sells for \$10 to \$25 per acre; timber land, from \$3 to \$5.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply being good, the price is as low as \$10 to \$15 a month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn yields 50 bushels, wheat 25 bushels, oats 35 bushels, and tobacco 1000 pounds to an acre. Corn is fed to stock. Of wheat the county markets a handsome surplus. Cattle, hogs and sheep marketed in great numbers. In 1894 Stone county, besides supplying the home consumption, shipped the following surplus:

Cattle, head.....	1,800	Apples, bushels.....	200
Hogs, head.....	2,700	Dried fruit, pounds .....	400
Sheep, head .....	450	Game, pounds .....	1,500
Wheat, bushels.....	2,000	Poultry, pounds .....	7,555
Corn, bushels.....	800	Eggs, dozen.....	9,060
Tobacco, pounds.....	1,000	Feathers, pounds .....	600
Wool, pounds .....	3,000	Cross ties.....	500

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Over 50 per cent of the present population of the county have settled within its boundaries since 1880; they came, however, to stay and grow up with the country. The character

of its people may be best judged by the following facts: In ten years the public schools in Stone county increased from 20 to 52; the Sunday schools from one to 54, and the number of churches increased at a similar rate.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Stone county has an enviable reputation for its healthful climate. Some 20,000 acres of government land not yet taken up; other lands are very cheap; new comers engage with advantage in fruit-growing; indications at present clearly point to Stone county as the future great fruit-raising county of Southwest Missouri and what was a few decades ago the wilderness of the Ozarks will soon be the great orchard of Missouri. Galena is the county seat.

**GALENA**—Is situated on the picturesque bank of the James river with some 400 inhabitants; it is centrally located, has some 10 stores and shops, one flour mill and a wagon shop. As the current of the river affords unlimited power, any kind of hardware factory could profitably be operated; a canning factory, together with co-operating plant of a cider press, would prove a successful enterprise; the town has a State bank, \$10,000 capital and \$20,000 deposits; two churches and a fine school-house with four rooms.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Stone county has 202,475 acres assessed at \$628,384; her town lots are assessed at \$29,530; personal property assessed at \$387,769; total assessed value of property, \$1,045,683. Assessed values are 43.19 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$2,421,122.

Stone county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,855 horses, assessed at \$20 22 per head ; total. ....	\$98,191
1,085 mules, " 28 34 " " ..... 30,754	30,754
9,142 neat cattle, " 7 76 " " ..... 70,966	70,966
3,858 sheep, " 96 " " ..... 3,723	3,723
20,726 hogs, " 1 33 " " ..... 27,729	27,729
Money, notes and bonds..... 72,551	72,551
Schools in 1894..... 50	50
Teachers ..... 54	54
Pupils ..... 2,475	2,475
Amount spent on schools..... \$9,220.96	\$9,220.96
Permanent school fund..... 3,737 94	3,737 94

#### SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Population, 20,215

North Central Missouri; traversed by Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City, Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads; 180 miles northwest St. Louis; 120 miles from Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Undulating, broken in the northern part; generally a rich black loam, with a porous sub-soil of yellow clay; many districts show a slight mixture of sand, some portions of county has a thin white oak soil, first-class for blue grass. Coal underlies whole county; very little-mined. Fire-brick clay found, but not developed; coal is mined in a small way; lime and sandstone are quarried for home use.

**WATER**—Freestone and Mineral Spring; Locust and Medicine creeks flow through and thoroughly drain the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition.

**TIMBER**—Oak, elm, hickory and a little walnut; mostly used for railroad supplies, cross ties and staves.

**COST OF LAND**—Good farming land brings \$20 per acre; timber land, \$12.50 per acre.

**FUEL**—Wood and coal; coal, \$1.75 per ton; wood, \$1.75 cents per cord.

**FARM LABOR**—Fair supply of good labor; wages, from \$15 to \$20 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn, wheat, oats and timothy. Corn matures in about 120 days; average yield per acre, 40 bushels; oats yield, 30 bushels; wheat, 25 bushels; rye, 25 bushels; hay, 2 tons per acre. Selling price last year, for corn, 18 cents; wheat, 50 cents; oats, 25 cents; rye, 30 cents per bushel; hay, \$5 per ton. For five years past, corn averaged 30 cents; wheat, 50 cents; oats, 25 cents, and rye, 35 cents per bushel, hay per ton, \$6. A few Jerseys are raised; large numbers of beef cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were raised and shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	20,817	Vegetables, pounds .....	880
Horses and mules, head .....	734	Dressed meat, pounds .....	175
Hogs, head .....	20,002	Butter, pounds.....	40,470
Sheep, head.....	2,700	Eggs, dozen.....	236,160
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	34	Poultry, pounds.....	617,044
Wheat, bushels.....	600	Tallow, pounds.....	3,620
Corn, bushels.....	9,112	Lumber, feet .....	72,000
Oats, bushels.....	5,659	Logs, feet.....	15,000
Hay, bales.. .....	360	Ties .....	12,000
Mixed grain, bushels.....	700	Cooperage, cars .....	17
Seed, bushels.....	2,899	Hides, pounds.....	103,085
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	126,000	Wool, pounds .....	21,065
Flour, barrels.....	779	Coal, tons. .....	900
Apples, bushels .....	2,307		

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 20,215; churches, schools and lodges of fraternal organizations are found in nearly every district; a number of first-class newspapers, pushing business men, delightful society, and a welcome from its hospitable people to new comers will readily make them at home; good drainage and good water makes this a very healthy locality; its fine grain and grass suitable for stock-raising invites capital seeking a lucrative business. This is a region devoid of ague and fevers; good railroad connections; cheap land considering its fertility; a number of wide awake towns are to be found, among them Milan, the county seat.

**MILAN** — Population, 2,000; junction, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City railroads; an abundance of good water obtained from many cisterns and wells; good roads, some macadamized, and plank walks in good condition; lighted by oil lamps; over 34 well stocked stores, a cheese factory and flouring mill indicate the business prosperity of the community. Owing to the wants of the people and the many advantages offered, a fine business opening can be had for coal mining, canning factory, electric light plant and water works. There are two banks, six churches, a fine public school, popular fraternal lodges, and a class of people to be found for neighbors equal to any in the State. Besides railroad towns the following inland towns are pleasant places of residence: Owasco, Winnigan, Judson and Wintersville.

**FACTS AND FIGURES** — Sullivan county has 411,923 acres assessed at \$2,503,166; her town lots are assessed at \$276,761; personal property assessed at \$1,508,670; total assessed value of property, \$4,288,597. Assessed values are 38.01 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$11,282,812.

Sullivan county's personal property consists mainly of—

14,494 horses, assessed at \$17.10 per head; total.....	\$217,912
1,547 mules, assessed at \$18.17 per head; total.. .....	28,117
30,698 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.42 per head; total.....	442,636
6,722 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total.....	6,722
19,718 hogs, assessed at \$2 per head; total.....	39,635
Money, notes and bonds. ....	421,096
Schools in 1894.....	110
Teachers .....	118
Pupils.....	5,346
Amount spent on schools.....	\$37,376 56
Permanent school fund.....	43,262.42

## TANEY COUNTY.

Population, 9160.

Southwest Missouri; 190 miles southeast of Kansas City, and 220 miles southwest of St. Louis; it borders the Arkansas state line.

**SOIL**—Black loam in valleys, loose gravelly loam and leaf mould soil on ridges. Both kinds of soil are very productive, the valleys, however, being the most fertile. Hills and uplands are best adapted for fruit and tobacco, the valleys and lowlands for corn, wheat and oats. Layers of clay and building rocks, especially the so-called bastard rock (between cotton and limestone rock); it is easily worked and hardens upon exposure to the air, thus enduring the inroads of the weather better than any other building stone. Of metals there are lead and zinc ores found but not developed owing to lack of transportation.

**ROADS**—Natural country roads, in fair condition. **Taxes**—7 cents on \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—A great variety of cedar, pine, oak, some walnut, maple, hickory and ash. Cedar is rafted on White river for telegraph poles, posts, etc. Oak is rafted as railroad ties. Pine is used at home for building purposes.

**FUEL**—Wood sells for \$1.25 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Cleared land in good cultivation sells for \$5 to \$30 per acre, according to location; timber land, for \$1.25 to \$3.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply good and plentiful; wages, \$10 a month and board, or 50 to 75 cents a day without board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn yields from 40 to 50 bushels; some instances are recorded where the yield per acre was as high as 114 bushels. Wheat yields 15 to 40 bushels, mostly raised for home consumption. Corn finds a ready home market at an average selling price of 50 cents per bushel. Oats and tobacco are also grown. Cattle to the amount of \$100,000 was shipped in 1895. Many sheep and hogs are also raised.

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—The people of Taney county are of old Tennessee and Kentucky stock. New comers are mostly from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and North Missouri; all are industrious, law-abiding and progressive. There are some 72 churches and 52 school houses. Of fraternal orders, G. A. R. posts, I. O. O. F. and Masons are represented.

**GENEEL ADVANTAGES**—A most invigorating climate; land cheap, and with a rich, productive soil; great inducements to home-seekers are offered. Taney county's soil is remarkably adapted for peach, apricot, grapes, pears, apples and small fruits; a fruit failure has occurred only once in 30 years. One hundred and twenty-two thousand acres of government land are open to homestead seekers, or cash entry at \$1.25 an acre. Living is cheap; small amount of money will purchase a home. Crops are remarkably sure; hard times not so severely felt as in many other sections. A great area of blue stem grass makes stock raising a profitable pursuit. Thousands of springs with crystal water bubble up everywhere; the largest, clearest, prettiest streams in the State are found in Taney county. As a health resort Taney is unequaalled; many have visited the county to build up a run down constitution, and after recovering, remained. Forsythe is the county seat.

**FORSYTHE**—Is centrally located on a branch of the White river; it has 250 inhabitants; clean, graded streets. There are three general stores, two drug stores and a few shops. A hardware and clothing store, a bakery and wagon shop could be profitably started. The one bank has a capital of \$10,000, deposits amounting to \$25,000. Forsythe has a Union church and a good school.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Taney county has 176,247 acres assessed at \$573,525; her town lots are assessed at \$23,625; personal property assessed at \$347,277; total assessed value of property, \$944,327. Assessed values is 51.60 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$1,830,091.

Taney county's personal property consists mainly of—

4,120 horses, assessed at \$21.88 per head; total.....	\$90,186
1,047 mules, assessed at \$25.26 per head; total.....	26,450
11,851 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.69 per head; total.....	103,030
4,036 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head; total.....	4,036
15,110 hogs, assessed at \$1.05 per head; total .....	15,893
Money, notes and bonds.....	38,423
Schools in 1894 .....	53
Teachers.....	55
Pupils.....	2,747
Amount spent on schools .....	\$7,549.14
Permanent school fund .....	5,147.12

## TEXAS COUNTY.

Population, 23,006.

In South Central Missouri; 120 miles southwest of St. Louis and 180 miles southeast of Kansas City; Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad (Gulf railroad) runs through the southwestern portion of county.

**SOIL**—Northern and eastern portion of county is fairly level with black sandy loam, exceedingly productive. All the southern portion and the land on both banks of the Piney river is broken and hilly, covered with a dense growth of timber.

**WATER**—Living wells and springs are found everywhere. The Piney river and other tributaries of the Gasconade flow from south to north through the center of the county; among the picturesque southern ridges, the Big creek, Jack Fork, and Brushy creeks wind their course in southerly direction.

**ROADS**—Are for the greater part of the year in fair condition. No fixed road tax is imposed, male citizens have to work four days on the roads or pay a tax of \$3 per year.

**TIMBER**—The ridges along the rivers and creeks are densely timbered. Pine, hickory, black walnut, black, white and post oak, ash and other specimens are found in large quantities; very little has been cut and marketed. During the last four or five years not more than 12,000,000 feet of lumber was shipped annually, and in addition some 100,000 railroad ties. The lumber industry is far from being developed. There is a wide field open to capital and enterprise.

**FUEL**—Wood is in general use and costs from \$1 to \$1.25 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Land is cheaper here than elsewhere in the State. Cultivated land costs from \$5 to \$20 an acre; timber land, from \$1 to \$5; other uncultivated land, from 50 cents upward.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply is about equal to demand; wages range from 50 cents to \$1 per day.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn is grown for stock only, though it is the principal crop; wheat comes next, but of this commodity very little is marketed. Corn yields 50 bushels to an acre; wheat, 25 bushels. Cattle and hogs are raised for the market, but the exact amount shipped cannot be ascertained owing to the fact that the bulk of the surplus is sent to market through the adjoining counties on foot. A conservative estimate of the annual outshipment of the surplus products results in the following figures:

Cattle, head.....	5,000	Eggs, dozen .....	20,000
Horses, head .....	200	Wool, pounds.....	2,000
Hogs, head .....	4,000	Flour, barrels.....	500
Game, pounds.....	25,000	Wood, cords.....	10,000
Poultry, pounds.....	70,000	Lumber, feet.....	12,000,000
Butter, pounds .....	5,000	Ties.....	150,000

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Of the 23,006 inhabitants there are a good many new comers. The people are law abiding and well to do. Churches of every denomination, and public schools are scattered all over the county. To whatever part of the county a homeseeker may settle, the next school-house will be within a mile's reach. Of fraternal organizations the Masons and Odd-Fellows are represented.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—No county in the State can offer equal advantages to a homeseeker with limited means. Land to be had for \$1 to \$5 an acre, can by manual labor alone be turned into cultivated land, worth from \$20 to \$50. Climate and soil favor fruit-growing for the market and for canning. A few sheep farms have proven beyond a doubt, that this agricultural pursuit yields a handsome profit with little labor and money invested. Houston, the county seat.

HOUSTON, with about 800 inhabitants is centrally located amidst fertile and prosperous farms. It has clean streets, well lighted; some 15 stores, one grist mill, one saw mill, one bank, one fine public school building and four churches. Other towns are Locking and Cabool. The latter is a railroad station, situated on the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis railroad.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Texas county has 631,912 acres assessed at \$1,879,010; her town lots are assessed at \$114,895; personal property assessed at \$788,483; total assessed value of property, \$2,782,388. Assessed values are 37.78 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$7,364,711.

Texas county's personal property consists mainly of—

8,137 horses, assessed at \$21.83 per head ; total.....	\$177,693
2,090 mules, assessed at \$24.69 per head; total.....	51,604
14,270 neat cattle, assessed at \$7.67 per head ; total.....	109,561
19,123 sheep, assessed at \$1.01 per head ; total.....	19,421
23,880 hogs, assessed at \$1.26 per head ; total.....	30,093
Money, notes and bonds.....	145,115
Schools in 1894.....	122
Teachers.....	134
Pupils.....	6,743
Amount spent on schools.....	\$33,488.04
Permanent school fund.....	4,920.10

## VERNON COUNTY.

Population, 37,573.

**Southwest Missouri—Bordering the Kansas state line; 95 miles south of Kansas City; 277 miles southwest of St. Louis; the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Missouri Pacific, Nevada & Minden, Ft. Scott & Eastern, the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Gulf railroads traverse the county, making in all 266 miles of railroad.**

**SOIL**—Three-fourths of the county is a rich, rolling prairie of a very productive sandy loam; the balance is timber land. Coal is found and mined extensively, nearly the entire county being underlaid with coal veins running from 14 to 72 inches in thickness; over 350,000 tons mined annually, of which large quantities are shipped; brick, potter's and fire-clay are extensively found and used for the manufacture of high grade and common brick, all kinds of pottery and tiling; an excellent quality of sandstone is quarried and used extensively for building purposes; also flagstone quarries running from one to 16 inches thick, utilized for curbing, guttering and walks.

**WATER**—Mostly soft well water; some excellent wells of iron and sulphur. The Marmton, Little and Big Osage, Little and Big Drywood, and clear creek streams run through the county.

**ROADS**—Well-graded dirt roads, in fine condition; tax, 17 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Mostly oak; plenty of kidsoy ash, elm, sycamore with some walnut and other varieties. Timber is used for building purposes, and large quantities are shipped for the manufacture of wagons and furniture; smaller timber used for fuel.

**FUEL**—Coal and wood; coal is \$2 per ton delivered; wood, \$2 to \$3.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, \$16 to \$35 per acre, according to improvements; timber land, \$8 to \$12 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Large demand for farm labor, which is hardly supplied in the harvesting season; during the two to three months of the berry-picking season over 1000 hands are employed on the different fruit farms in the immediate vicinity of Nevada.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; grown in about 130 days; yields 32 bushels to an acre; 500,000 bushels marketed per year; average selling price for last year, 18 cents; for five years past, 26 cents. The shipping facilities of the county are unexcelled with its many railroads.

Hay, oats, flax, wheat, castor-beans and potatoes are grown extensively and yield fine crops. Fine Jersey and Holstein cattle are raised by farmers for their own dairies. Vernon county is one of the best cattle counties in the State, from 15,000 to 22,000 being shipped annually; sheep can be raised with little expense; the finest breeds of hogs are also raised—Poland-China, Berkshire, white Chester, etc., the annual exportation running from 24,000 to 37,000 head.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	15,120	Small fruits, crates and baskets....	529
Horses and mules, head .....	620	Vegetables, pounds .....	265,160
Hogs, head .....	28,893	Nursery stock, pounds.....	370,160
Sheep, head .....	630	Wool, pounds .....	11,369
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	88	Hides, pounds.....	294,248
Wheat, bushels .....	71,400	Ship-stuff, pounds.....	120,000
Corn, bushels .....	371,800	Game, pounds.....	7,332
Oats, bushels.....	143,200	Poultry, pounds .....	698,299
Mixed grain, bushels.....	11,200	Butter, pounds.....	26,568
Hay, bales.....	241,740	Eggs, dozen .....	222,968
Flax, pounds.....	2,970,000	Cheese, pounds .....	555
Castor beans, cars .....	22	Coal, tons .....	283,760
Flour, barrels .....	11,280	Stone, cars .....	9
Potatoes, bushels.....	5,928	Junk, pounds.....	160,000
Apples, bushels.....	1,941	Clay, cars .....	9
Seed, bushels.....	1,950	Building brick, cars.....	307
Molasses, gallons. ....	33,050		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 37,573, consisting almost entirely of native Americans, who are cultured, refined and energetic. Good schools (144 outside of towns) and numerous churches of all denominations being represented.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—The railroad facilities of the county are unsurpassed, its six different lines so diverge as to reach nearly every township, thus furnishing convenient communication to all points; with the exception of St. Louis county its railroad mileage is greater than that of any county in the State. Climate mild, never extremely hot or cold; pastures plenty and cheap; water in abundance; the general health above the average. Some of the finest small fruit farms in the State (notably, the Gem City containing 86 acres) which are owned and managed by prosperous fruit raisers and gardeners. A good home market is furnished owing to the great demand made by the large lunatic asylum with its 600 inmates and the many employes of railroads and smelters. The flourishing city of Nevada is the county seat.

NEVADA is situated on the M., K. & T., Mo. Pac. and Nevada and Minden railroads, containing 11,200 inhabitants, well lighted with gas, has fine water works, excellent streets 50 to 60 feet wide, the majority of them macadamized; wide pavements of brick, stone and cement; 104 well-stocked stores representing all kinds of trades; numerous industries among which are the Cherokee Lanyon zinc smelting works, one of the largest in the world and another smelter in process of erection, plowing mills, flouring mills, wagon and carriage factories, steam brick works, etc. Four banks with an aggregate capital of \$300,000; deposits from \$68,000 to \$180,000; 16 churches of all denominations; one of the best public school systems, many large well-known private schools and colleges; Masonic, Knight Templar and all of the other popular fraternal orders. Also railroad organizations. Tax—city, 70 cents; county, 40 cents; State, 25 cents; sinking fund, 20 cents; school tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**—Nevada offers many fine opportunities for investments such as street railways, having best terminals possible, viz: Union depot, public square, around which the principal business houses are located, fair grounds, asylum, Cottey college, the beautiful artesian lake and park, etc. There is a fine business opening also for canning factory, creamery, electric light plant, chair and furniture factory, straw, paper, berry box and basket factories, linseed and castor oil works. There are several enterprising villages near Nevada off the railroad, such as Virgil, Montevallo, Bellamy, Zodiac and Rinehart.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Vernon county has 527,988 acres assessed at \$4,230,115; her town lots are assessed at \$1,374,486; personal property assessed at \$1,809,419; total assessed value of property, \$7,314,020. Assessed values are 36 15 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$20,232,420.

Vernon county's personal property consists mainly of—

15,275 horses, assessed at \$20.63 per head; total.....	\$315,214
3,888 mules, assessed at \$22.11 per head; total.....	85,993
24,212 neat cattle, assessed at \$13.38 per head; total ..	323,957
3,302 sheep, assessed at \$1.18 cents per head; total ..	3,919
29,369 hogs, assessed at \$2.74 per head; total.....	80,697
Money, notes and bonds.....	399,029
Number of schools operated in 1894.....	147
Number of teachers.....	185
Number of pupils.....	8,366
Amount spent for school .....	\$70,849.97
Permanent school fund.....	72,257.29

## WARREN COUNTY.

Population, 9913.

Eastern Central Missouri. Bounded on the south by the Missouri river ; traversed by the Wabash and the Missouri, Kansas & Eastern railroads ; about 60 miles west of St. Louis and about the same distance from Jefferson City.

SOIL—Rolling in the southern portion ; fine pasture land in the northern, very productive ; sandy clay and loam. Large quantities of superior fire clay are found, also lime and sandstone for building purposes.

WATER—Drinking water mostly from cistern and springs. The Missouri river is on the southern border. Charette, Camp, Big, Smith and other creeks flow through the county.

ROADS—Fair dirt roads. Tax, 20 cents on \$100 valuation.

TIMBER—Large tracts of hickory, white and black oak, walnut and ash ; railroad ties are marketed in great numbers.

FUEL—Wood, from \$1.75 to \$2 per cord.

COST OF LAND—Farm land, from \$15 to \$25 ; timber, \$5 per acre.

FARM LABOR—Supply plentiful ; condition good ; wages, \$15 per month and board.

PRINCIPAL CROPS—Wheat and corn ; about 280,000 bushels of wheat marketed per year ; corn is raised in about same quantity, but is principally used for feeding hogs and beef cattle. The average selling price of wheat for 1895 was 52 cents ; average for the five years previous, 64 cents ; the total value of wheat for 1895, \$200,000 ; the average acreage for each product is one-fourth in wheat, one-fourth in corn, one-eighth in oats, the other three-eights diversified. The raising of beef cattle and hogs is the most lucrative for the money and time invested ; 2600 head of cattle marketed in 1895 at a fair profit, and 11,250 head of hogs ; a number of dairy cattle of fine breed are raised ; sheep are also raised in the hills.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head.....	2,526	Lard, pounds.....	6,650
Horses and mules, head.....	324	Tallow, pounds .....	5,350
Hogs, head.....	8,502	Poultry, pounds.....	244,758
Sheep, head.....	936	Butter, pounds.....	11,640
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	81	Eggs, dozen.....	296,910
Wheat, bushels.....	217,000	Feathers, pounds.....	1,150
Corn, bushels .....	30,719	Dressed meat, pounds .....	34,390
Oats, bushels.....	3,210	Lumber, feet .....	585,000
Mixed grain, bushels.....	20,300	Piling, feet .....	75,000
Small fruits, crates and baskets .....	80	Cooperage, cars.....	24
Nursery stock, pounds.....	6,162	Posts, cars.....	37
Flour, barrels.....	6,150	Lime, barrels.....	1,100
Seed, bushels.....	2,825	Clay, cars .....	108
Apples, bushels.....	999	Cross ties.....	138,600
Vegetables, pounds.....	80,290	Wool, pounds.....	10,400
Dried fruit, pounds.....	2,000		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 9,933 ; largely sturdy, energetic Germans ; numerous churches and schools.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Healthy climate ; good railroad facilities ; fine supply of water. Warren county presents many opportunities to homeseekers ; the beautiful town of Warrenton is the **county seat**.

**WARRENTON**—Population, 1200 ; situated on the Wabash railroad, with fine macadamized streets, well lighted by electricity ; good brick and plank walks. Taxes—town, 50 cents ; county, 30 cents ; school, 40 cents.

**ADVANTAGES**—This pretty county seat has four churches, several public schools, and the well known Central Wesleyan college ; 20 stores of all varieties, flour mills, one State bank, capital, \$20,000, deposits, \$90,000 ; Masonic, Odd Fellow, G. A. R., and other popular fraternal orders ; there is a fine business opening for fire-clay works, there being fine clay in abundance, and all things needful from an economical consideration, to offer great inducements for the establishment of this industry.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Warren county has 254,080 acres assessed at \$1,519,185 ; her town lots assessed at \$163,970 ; personal property assessed at \$974,845 ; total assessed value of property \$2,658,000. Assessed values are 31.21 per cent of real values ; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$8,516,501.

Warren county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,494 horses, assessed at \$21.18 per head ; total.....	\$74,010
1,541 mules, assessed at \$26.40 per head ; total.....	40,715
7,295 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.48 per head ; total .....	61,905
3,572 sheep, assessed at \$1.03 per head ; total.....	3,690
16,782 hogs, assessed at \$1.79 per head ; total.....	30,060
Money, notes and bonds.....	612,680
Schools in 1894.....	59
Teachers .....	62
Pupils.....	2,278
Amount spent on schools.....	\$14,890.90
Permanent school fund.....	2,187.65

### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Population, 13,281.

Southeast Missouri; traversed by St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad; 60 miles south of St. Louis, 85 miles from Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Mostly hilly; some large valleys in southern portion. Clay in uplands and sandy loam in bottoms. Valleys and bottom lands are rich, requiring little or no fertilizing. Hill lands good clay soil, which holds fertilizer and adapted to small grains, vegetables and especially small fruits. Apples are noted for their quality and profusion of growth. Lead is extensively mined and shipped in large quantities.

**WATER**—Springs and wells; mostly hard water. Brazil, Indian, Loss and Mineral Fork creeks flow through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair order; some gravel roads built lately; tax, 10 cents on \$100 valuation; \$2 poll tax or three days' work.

**TIMBER**—Principally oak or pine; pine lands held by mill men; oak timber has as yet received little attention.

**FUEL**—Mostly wood; \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farming land, \$10 to \$20 per acre; timber land, \$3 to \$10 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply sufficient for demand; condition, fair; wages from \$10 to \$15 per month with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn and wheat; corn brought last year about 20 cents per bushel; small grains and vegetables yield abundantly; apple orchards give most satisfactory returns. All the popular breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised for home consumption. Although a mineral county, the raising of stock and general farming are improving every year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	1,408	Dressed meat, pounds .....	5,705
Hogs, head.....	2,240	Game, pounds .....	9,818
Sheep, head .....	549	Poultry, pounds .....	104,980
Mixed live-stock, cars .....	13	Butter, pounds.....	9,879
Wheat, bushels .....	15,000	Eggs, dozen.....	32,870
Oats, bushels.....	70	Cooperage, cars .....	6
Bran, pounds' .....	120,000	Wood, cords.....	441
Hay, bales.....	1,260	Charcoal, cars .....	60
Flour, barrels'.....	754	Tiff, cars.....	859
Nursery stock, pounds.....	45	Lead, tons.....	980
Vegetable, pounds .....	1,000	Wool, pounds .....	20,514
Seed, bushels.....	• 546	Hides, pounds .....	50,221

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 13,281. In each district there are churches and schools, and in nearly every case a fraternal organization. A number of good newspapers are flourishing throughout the county. The people are progressive, honest, law-abiding and intelligent. No better community to settle in to be found in the State; no healthier climate in the Mississippi valley, or better opportunities for general farming and stockraising can be offered by any other county in the State, to say nothing of the unexcelled advantages for mining. Among a number of thriving towns is Potosi, the county seat.

**POTOSI**—Population, 800; situated on branch of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway, abundantly supplied with water from wells and cisterns, and the beautiful stream Mine a Breton flows through the town. Graded streets and gravel sidewalks; well stocked stores, representing all the branches of trade; flour mill, and fine business opening for a lead and zinc reduction works; a flourishing bank, capital, \$10,000, deposits, \$60,000; beautiful houses of worship and a fine public school; lodges of Masonic, Workingmen and Knights of Pythias. Taxes—town, 25 cents; county, 40 cents; school, 60 cents; State, 25 cents. Besides railroad towns, the following “inland” towns are desirable places for residence: Belgrave, Calidonia and Old Mine.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Washington county has 463,849 acres assessed at \$1,732,725; her town lots are assessed at \$181,110; personal property assessed at \$510,250. Total assessed value of property, \$2,424,085. Assessed values are 43.36 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$5,590,601.

**Washington county's personal property consists mainly of—**

3,692 horses, assessed at \$23 36 per head ; total.....	\$86,275
1,459 mules assessed at \$24 55 per head ; total.....	35,824
10,145 neat cattle at \$8 67 per head ; total.....	88,027
5,133 sheep assessed at \$1.04 per head ; total.....	5,354
14,076 hogs at \$2 00 per head ; total.....	28,120
<b>Money, notes and bonds.....</b>	<b>153,948</b>
Number of schools in 1894 .....	68
Number of teachers in 1894.....	76
Number of pupils in 1894.....	3,134
<b>Amount expended on schools in 1894.....</b>	<b>\$17,126.37</b>
<b>Permanent school fund.....</b>	<b>13,193.17</b>

**WAYNE COUNTY.**

Population, 13,042.

Southeast Missouri; traversed by St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad and St. Louis, Cape Girardeau & Fort Smith railroad; 110 miles south of St. Louis.

**SOIL**—Gently rolling, broken with hills. The bottom lands are of the nature of black loam, and are very productive. Granite, sand and limestone are found and quarried; some coal and iron, but not mined.

**WATER**—Wells, cisterns and springs. Black, St. Francois and Castor rivers flow through the county and form a perfect natural drainage.

**ROADS**—Dirt, but in fair order. Taxes, 5 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**TIMBER**—Pine and oak; large shipments made each year. This is one of the best lumber districts in the State.

**FUEL**—Wood, 50 cents to \$1 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$5 to \$50 per acre; timber land, from \$1 to \$5 per acre.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply, sufficient, condition, good; wages, \$12 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROPS**—Corn and wheat. Corn averages about 25 bushels per acre; average selling price last year, 20 cents; for five years past, 32 cents. Small fruits and vegetables yield abundantly. Cattle, sheep and hogs are raised for home consumption and some shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894 :

Cattle, head .....	8,780	Eggs, dozen .....	\$4,890
Hogs, head .....	2,001	Feathers, pounds.....	1,828
Sheep, head .....	180	Dressed meat, pounds .....	495
Corn, bushels .....	6,500	Lumber, feet.....	25,191,000
Oats, bushels.....	800	Piling, feet .....	775,000
Mixed grain, bushels.....	4,900	Granite, cars.....	2
Ship-stuff, pounds.....	180,000	Stone, cars .....	2
Hay, bales.....	5,220	Cooperage, cars .....	17
Flour, barrels.....	4,050	Iron ore, tons .....	20
Apples, bushels.....	1,050	Lime, barrels.....	525
Dried fruit, pounds .....	4,000	Wool, pounds .....	165
Game, pounds.....	10,870	Hides, pounds.....	18,625
Poultry, pounds .....	29,490	Cross ties .....	17,200
Butter, pounds .....	82		

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES** — Population, 13,042; churches, schools, fraternal organizations, newspapers, good society and intelligent people are a few of the many social attractions. Land, cheap and productive; railroad facilities, good; crops easily marketed. Fine lumber region. The people invite honest and energetic immigration. Among a number of wideawake towns is Greenville, the county seat.

**GREENVILLE**—Situated on the Williamsville & Greenville railroad. Supplied with water from wells and cisterns; graded streets and good plank walks; many general stores well stocked with goods; churches and schools; agreeable society; progressive citizens, and a hearty welcome to capital and push that may settle among the people of Wayne county.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Wayne county has 478,938 acres assessed at \$1,158,224; her town lots are assessed at \$159,069; personal property assessed at \$554,801; total assessed value of property, \$1,872,094. Assessed values are 72.38 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$2,586,479.

Wayne county's personal property consists mainly of—

3,291 horses, assessed at \$29.32 per head ; total.....	\$96,494
1,736 mules, assessed at \$32.61 per head ; total.....	58,248
8,983 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.99 per head ; total.....	80,817
5,093 sheep, assessed at \$1.22 per head ; total.....	6,226
16,544 hogs, assessed at \$1.68 per head ; total.....	27,765
Money, notes and bonds .....	131,591
Schools in 1894 .....	56
Teachers .....	61
Pupils .....	2,882
Amount spent on schools.....	\$18,643.14
Permanent school fund.....	9,954.25

## WEBSTER COUNTY.

Population, 16,678.

**Southwest Missouri**; traversed by the San Francisco and Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis railroads; 15 miles east of Springfield, and 93 miles from Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Mostly rolling prairie; along the streams pretty well timbered; the soil is a black loam and very productive; in some parts it is a dark brown in hue, and for fruits, vegetables and grain cannot be excelled.

**WATER**—Every section is well watered; good water can be found by boring 40 to 60 feet; the main streams are the Osage and James rivers, which have numerous branches and forks throughout the county, forming a fine drainage system.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in good condition; tax, three days' work.

**TIMBER**—Oak and hickory; cross-ties and lumber for bridges are shipped each year.

**FUEL**—Wood almost entirely; \$1.50 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land, from \$12.50 to \$20 per acre; timber land, \$4 to \$10.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply up to demand; condition, good; wages, from \$12 to \$15 per month, with board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn; time of growth from April to September; average yield per acre, 40 bushels; selling price last year, 22 cents per bushel; for five years past, 40 cents; small fruits, grains and vegetables grow abundantly; all the well known breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs are raised and shipped each year.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head.....	1,517	Dried fruit, pounds.....	8,845
Horses and mules, head.....	460	Game, pounds.....	4,606
Hogs, head.....	5,300	Poultry, pounds .....	67,944
Sheep, head. ....	830	Butter, pounds.....	1,562
Mixed live-stock, cars.....	108	Eggs, dozen .....	28,740
Wheat, bushels.....	45,500	Lumber, feet.....	664,000
Corn, bushels .....	802	Cross ties .....	66,000
Ship-stuff, pounds .....	30,000	Wood, cords.....	3,423
Corn meal, pounds.....	240	Stone, cars .....	3
Flour, barrels.....	5,250	Brick, cars .....	9

**SOCIAL AND GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,678; mostly native; some Germans; churches of various denominations and schools are scattered throughout the county; Masons, Odd-Fellows have lodges; a number of good newspapers; intelligent community; progressive people who give to the new comer a hearty welcome. In comparison to fertility the land is cheap; crops easily marketed, owing to first-class railroad facilities. Among a number of towns is Marshfield, the county seat.

**MARSHFIELD**—Population, 1200; situated on San Francisco railroad; water supplied from wells and cistern; graded and rolled streets; concrete and wood sidewalks; lighted by electricity; many stores representing the different branches of trade; churches, schools, lodges and a fine business opening for a canning factory, glass and wagon factory; two flourishing banks are doing business in the town. These are a few of the many advantages Marshfield has to offer first-class immigration. Besides railroad towns, the following "inland" towns are pleasant places for business and residence: Hartfield, Buffalo and Charity.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Webster county has 366,145 acres assessed at \$1,425,798; her town lots are assessed at \$200,200; personal property at \$824,360; total assessed value of property, \$2,450,358. Assessed values are 43.90 per cent of real values; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$5,581,681.

Webster county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,757 horses, assessed at \$22.81 per head ; total.....	\$154,141
2,417 mules, assessed at \$23.96 per head ; total.....	57,920
9,007 neat cattle, at \$9.46 per head ; total.....	85,287
12,158 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head ; total.....	12,158
24,544 hogs, assessed at \$1.46 per head ; total.....	35,984
<b>Money, notes and bonds.....</b>	<b>250,833</b>
Schools in 1894.....	78
Teachers .....	91
Pupils.....	5,287
<b>Amount spent on schools.....</b>	<b>\$19,942.15</b>
<b>Permanent school fund.....</b>	<b>18,466.00</b>

## WORTH COUNTY.

Population, 9006.

In Northwest Missouri ; borders the Iowa State line ; 95 miles north of Kansas City and only 60 miles north of St. Joseph. Chicago Great Western and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads afford ample railroad accommodations.

**SOIL**—Undulating and partly rolling prairie, with rich black vegetable loam ; on both banks of the water course there is an expanse of alluvial bottom land with black sandy soil. Coal is found but not developed.

**WATER**—Drinking water is supplied by wells, of which there is a bountiful supply and of the best quality. The East Grand, West Grand, Middle Fork Grand and Platte rivers flow from north to south through Worth county.

**ROADS**—Are graded and kept in good condition ; taxes, 10 cents on \$100 valuation, besides there is a poll tax of \$3 per year.

**TIMBER**—Along the water courses some good specimens of white oak, walnut and hickory are grown. In 1895 thirteen car loads of walnut logs were shipped. White oak is used for posts and bridge timber.

**FUEL**—Wood only, at \$2.50 a cord.

**COST OF LAND**—First class farm land sells at \$25 to \$30; pasture land with blue grass, from \$10 to \$15 an acre.

**FAIR LABOR**—Supply, fair; wages, \$16 to \$20 a month and board.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn, the main crop of the county, matures in five months and yields 45 bushels to an acre; some 250,000 bushels were marketed in 1895. Oats yield 30 bushels an acre, but it is for the greatest part fed to stock. Wheat yields 15 bushels and is grown for home consumption. Cattle and hogs are the main product of the stock raiser.

In 1894 Worth county marketed the following handsome surplus:

Cattle, horses and mules, head.....	4,379	Poultry, pounds .....	28,425
Hogs and sheep, head.....	17,490	Butter, pounds .....	8,684
Wheat, bushels .....	1,800	Eggs, dozen.....	132,810
Corn and oats, bushels. ....	41,460	Raspberries, crates.....	100
Mixed grain, bushels.....	6,400	Junk, pounds.....	90,000
Hay, bales.....	4,680	Cooperage, cars.....	12
Apples, bushels.....	1,800	Hides, pounds .....	1,446
Game, pounds .....	320		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Of the 9006 inhabitants, about 10 per cent are of German extraction. New comers hail mostly from Iowa; over 25 per cent of the population are church members. There are 11 Methodist, 9 Christian, 3 Advent, 1 Presbyterian, 4 Baptist and 1 Latter Day Saints. Fifty-seven district schools give ample educational facilities. Fourteen fraternal societies (A. O. U. W., I. O. O. F., M. W. A., K. of P., I. O. G. P.) are distributed in the divers towns of the county.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Worth county offers a good many inducements to homeseekers. Its climate is mild and healthful, land cheap and of good quality; one feature of the land above all makes it an ideal land for a stock farmer to buy, and that is the indigenous growth of blue grass in which this county successfully rivals the famous blue grass belt of Kentucky; it is only a question of time when the dairy farm will be the prominent feature of the county; its gently rolling surface covered with a mat of blue grass, together with the mild winters, where stock can pasture 12 months out of the year, makes it the ideal location of the stock-raiser. Grant City, the county seat.

GRANT CITY has 1200 inhabitants and is situated on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. It has wide and clean streets, well lighted with lamps; some 33 stores, a National bank and a State bank; five churches and a fine school; a creamery, canning factory and woollen mill could be profitably started. Other towns are Sheridan, Allendale, Denver, Irens and Oxford.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Worth county has 169,708 acres assessed at \$1,426,240; her town lots are assessed at \$152,735; personal property assessed at \$881,025; total assessed value of property, \$2,460,000. Assessed values are 39.78 per cent of real value; hence, actual wealth of county is estimated at \$6,184,012.

Worth county's personal property consists mainly of—

8,206 horses, assessed at \$18.78 per head ; total.....	\$154,187
572 mules, assessed at \$18.44 per head ; total.....	10,551.
13,707 neat cattle, assessed at \$14.10 per head ; total.....	193,400
3,305 sheep, assessed at \$1 per head ; total.....	3,305
12,980 hogs, assessed at \$2.89 per head ; total.....	37,597
Money, notes and bonds.....	256,636
Schools in 1894.....	57
Teachers.....	72
Pupils.....	2,699
Amount spent on schools.....	\$20,264.85
Permanent school fund.....	23,677.66

## WRIGHT COUNTY.

Population, 16,870.

In Southern Central Missouri; traversed by Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad; 150 miles southwest from St. Louis; 96 miles south of Jefferson City.

**SOIL**—Very rolling country with sandy loam; bottom lands rich and productive. Clay suitable for making brick is found in great quantity; fine specimens of onyx are quarried; lead and zinc are also mined.

**WATER**—Cistern water. The Gasconade and Wood Fork rivers and Wolf creek run through the county.

**ROADS**—Dirt, in fair condition; poll tax, \$3.

**TIMBER**—Oak, hickory and walnut shipped in cross-ties and for manufacturing purposes.

**FUEL**—Wood, from \$1 to \$1.50 per cord.

**COST OF LAND**—Farm land ranges from \$5 to \$50 per acre; timber land, from \$1.25 to \$2.50.

**FARM LABOR**—Supply equal to the demand; wages, \$10 to \$15 per month.

**PRINCIPAL CROP**—Corn, grown in three to four months, yielding from 40 to 50 bushels per acre; cost of production, 13 cents per bushel; average selling price last year, 22½ cents; for five years past, 37 cents; average profit to the producer for the last five years, 24 cents. Fine breeds of dairy and beef cattle are raised, also great quantities of hogs.

**SURPLUS PRODUCTS**—Besides home consumption, the following products were shipped in 1894:

Cattle, head .....	2,440	Butter, pounds .....	7,161
Horses and mules, head .....	1,140	Eggs, dozen .....	88,190
Hogs, head .....	6,975	Dressed meat, pounds .....	5,710
Wheat, bushels.....	1,200	Coal, tons.....	40
Corn, bushels .....	800	Zinc, tons .....	40
Hay, bales.....	180	Cross ties .....	58,800
Flour, barrels.....	13,800	Lumber, feet .....	495,000
Apples, bushels.....	450	Wood, cords.....	644
Strawberries, crates .....	183	Cotton, bales.....	24
Peaches, crates .....	282	Building brick, cars.....	3
Game, pounds.....	25,715	Furs, pounds .....	30
Poultry, pounds.....	199,670		

**SOCIAL ADVANTAGES**—Population, 16,870; three-fourths Americans and the balance principally Germans; churches of all denominations; 88 schools outside of the towns; a majority of the favorite fraternal orders are represented.

**GENERAL ADVANTAGES**—Delightful climate; general health very good; people refined and law abiding; Hartville is the county seat.

**HAETVILLE**—Population, 500; is an enterprising town, situated on the beautiful Gasconade river; amply supplied with water from wells, springs and cisterns; streets in fair condition; good plank walks; well lighted by oil. Tax—county, 50 cents; school, 57 cents; State, 25 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**ADVANTAGES**—Hartville is well supplied with churches and schools; one private bank, capital, \$10,000, deposits, 22,000, surplus, \$6,000; several fraternal orders; stores of all kinds, well stocked; many pretty comfortable homes.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**—Wright county has many advantages to offer homeseekers; land is very cheap and productive, and furnishes quick returns for effort and labor employed; living is also very cheap, and one can get as good and as satisfactory results for the outlay of money in Wright as in any county in the State; the raising of apples and small fruits has become a great industry, all the conditions being most favorable as it is within the range of Missouri great fruit belt, and not equalled by even California for fruit culture.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**—Wright county has 369,359 acres assessed at \$1,349,148; her town lots are assessed at \$190,605; personal property assessed at \$645,880; total value of property assessed at \$2,185,633. Assessed values are 47.47 per cent of real values; hence actual wealth of county is estimated at \$4,604,234.

Wright county's personal property consists mainly of—

6,615 horses, assessed at \$19.98 per head; total.....	\$132,231
1,914 mules, assessed at \$22.40 per head; total.....	42,877
11,223 neat cattle, assessed at \$8.40 per head; total .....	94,358
13,355 sheep, assessed at \$1.05 per head; total.....	14,077
21,336 hogs, assessed at \$1.26 per head; total .....	27,046
Money, notes and bonds .....	141,428
Schools in 1894 .....	88
Teachers .....	100
Pupils .....	5,475
Amount spent on schools.....	\$19,137.11
Permanent school fund.....	28,084.96











